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ヤングサンデー携帯が新
で購入するにとち

浅野いにお

1980年生まれ。茨城県出身。
2001年、第1回サンデーGX新人賞入賞。
主な著作に『素晴らしい世界』
『ひかりのまち』(ともに小社刊)がある。
2005年、『ソラニン』を発表。
全国より世代 性別を超えた反響を呼ぶ。
2007年よりヤングサンデーにて
『おやすみプンプン』を連載中。

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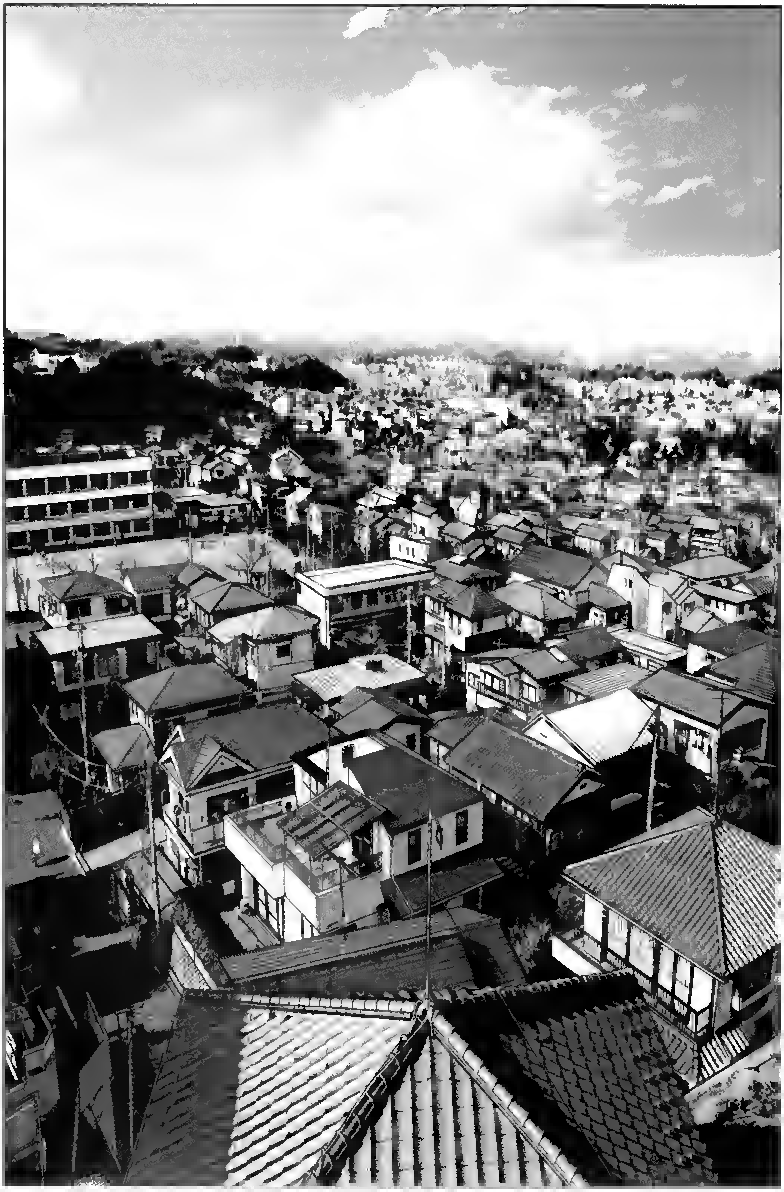
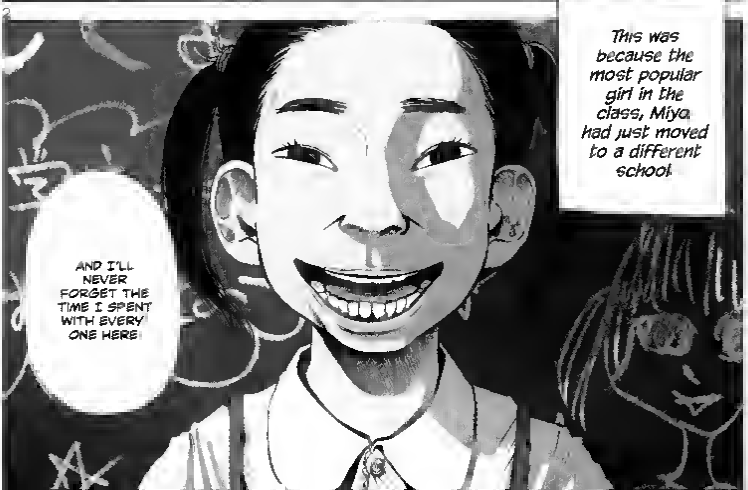


Punpun was just about too depressed to go to school that day.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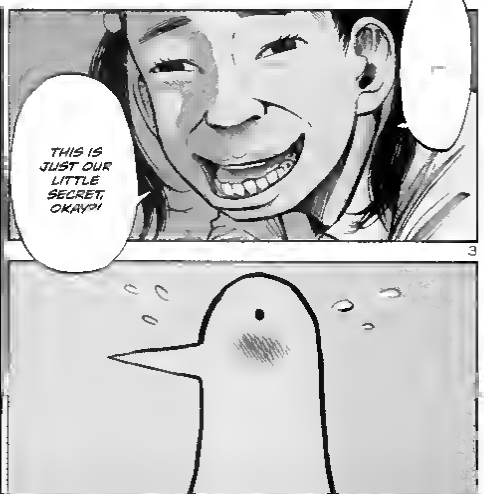
This was because the most popular girl in the class, Miyo, had just moved to a different school.
AND I'LL NEVER FORGET THE TIME I SPENT WITH EVERY ONE HERE!

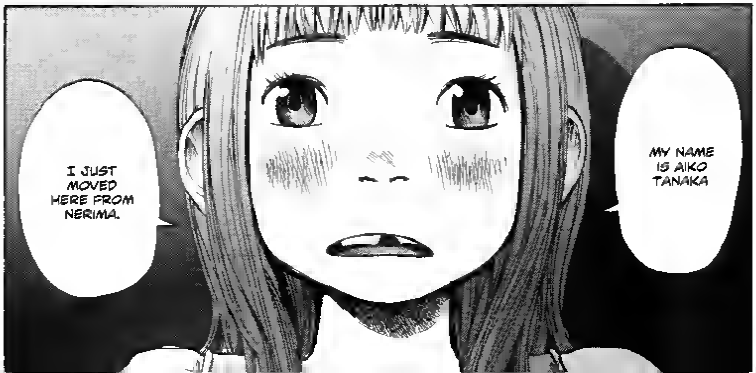
His memories of Miyo began a year ago,
when he found her behind the school, feeding gravel to the class punching bag, Yoshikawa.

It was the first and only time either of them had spoken a word to each other, but Punpun decided that he liked Miyo.



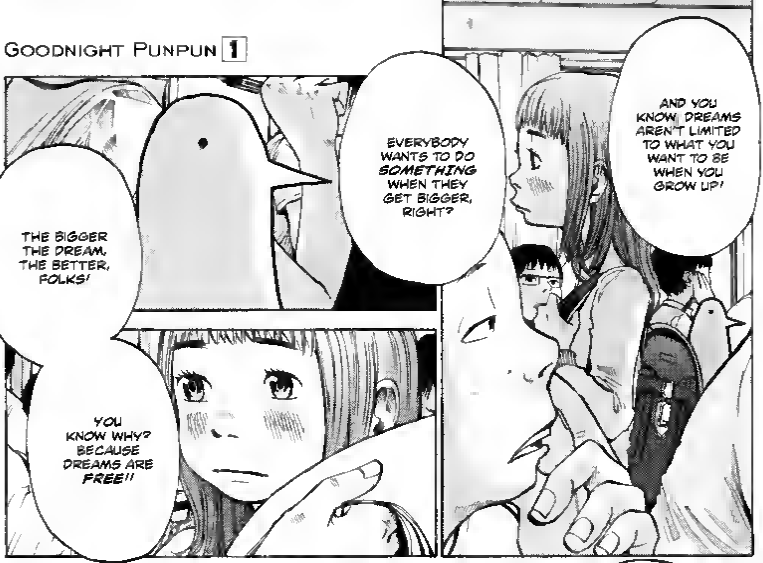
Who knew how boring a Monday could be without Miyo?!
HEY YOU GUYS. YOU GUYS. DO YOU KNOW WHAT SEX IS?
WHOT?! WHOT'S SEX?!
SHHH! KEEP IT DOWN!
OKAY, KNOW WHAT? FORGET IT. I'M NOT TELLING YOU!
SEE...
IT'S WHEN A BOY PUTS HIS THING IN A GIRL'S...
DO YOU KNOW, PUNPUN?
...IT'S NOT THAT SCARY

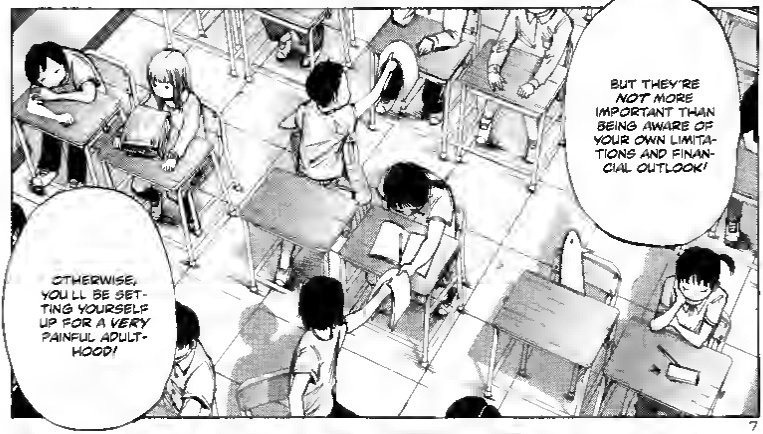
AS YOU ALL KNOW, OUR FRIEND MIYO OHTA MOVED AWAY LAST WEEK...
BUT NOW WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER OF OUR CLASS!!
EVERYONE IN YOUR SEEE-ATS!!
OKAY, OKAY, OKAY!!

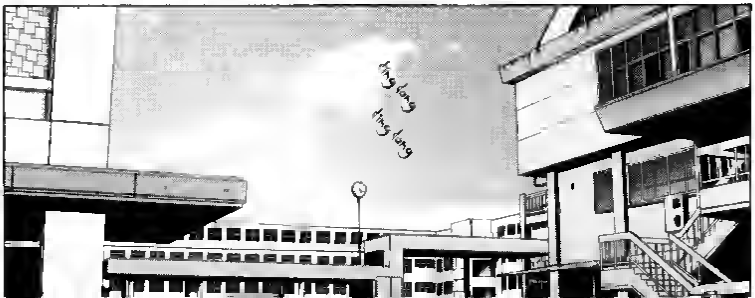

I JUST MOVED HERE FROM NERIMA.
MY NAME IS AIKO TANAKA

It was love at first sight.

HAW HAW HAW
JUUUST KIDDING!!
WELL, NOW THAT WE HAVE OUR NEW STUDENT..
I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE A TEST IN 1ST PERIOD!!
HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE YOU ALL TO WRITE AN ESSAY ABOUT YOUR DREAMS IT WILL HELP INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO AIKO
IF YOU DON'T FINISH TODAY YOU GET TO DO IT FOR HOMEWORK YAY!


AND YOU KNOW, DREAMS AREN'T LIMITED TO WHAT YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP!
EVERYBODY WANTS TO DO *SOMETHING* WHEN THEY GET BIGGER, RIGHT?
THE BIGGER THE DREAM, THE BETTER, FOLKS!
YOU KNOW WHY? BECAUSE DREAMS ARE *FREE*!!


BUT THEY'RE *NOT* MORE IMPORTANT THAN BEING AWARE OF YOUR OWN LIMITATIONS AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK!
OTHERWISE, YOU'LL BE SETTING YOURSELF UP FOR A *VERY* PAINFUL ADULTHOOD!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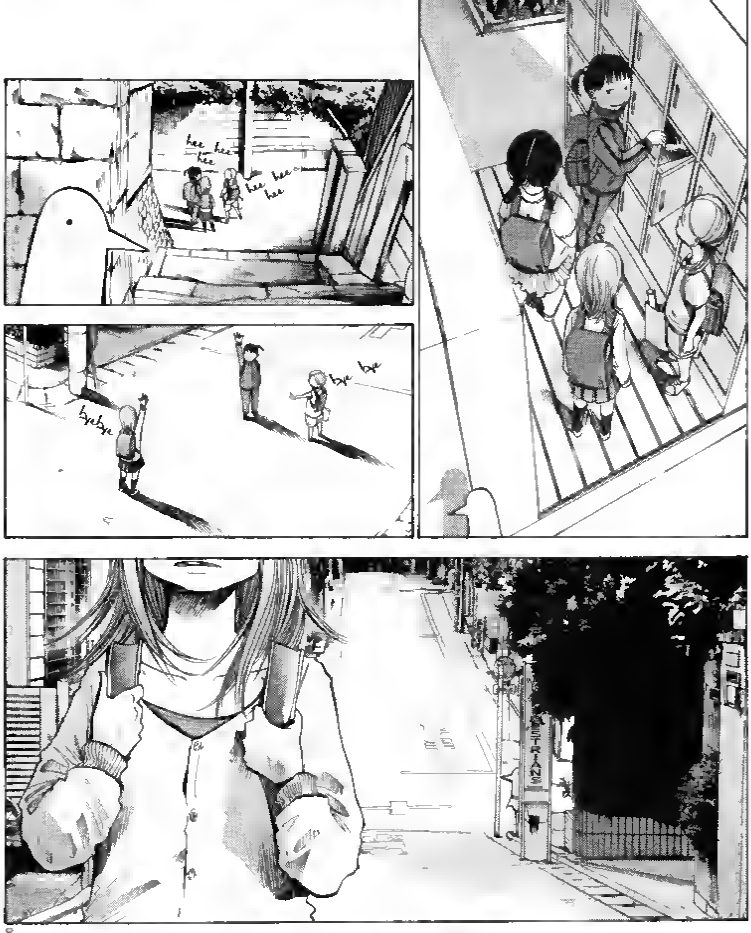
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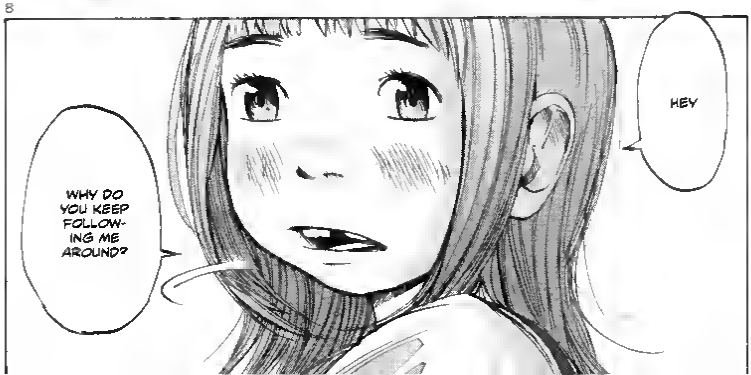
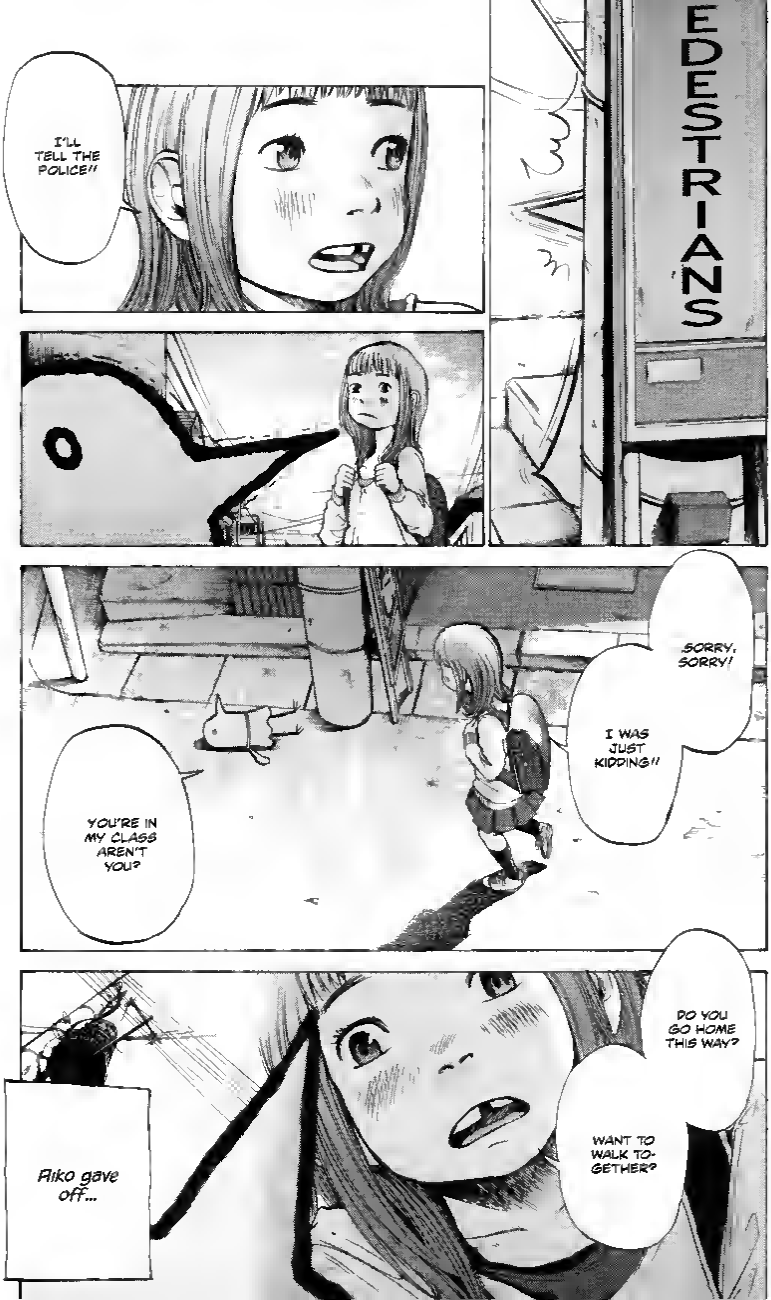
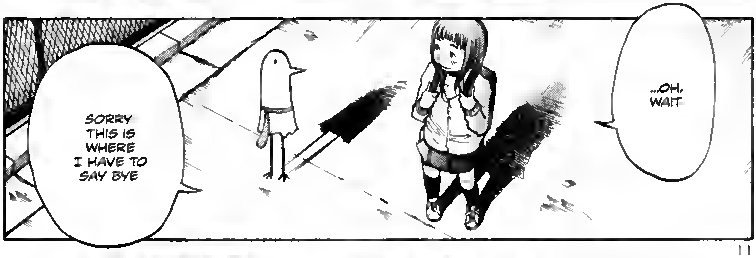

HEY
WHY DO YOU KEEP FOLLOW-ING ME AROUND?


EDESTRIANS
I'LL TELL THE POLICE!!
SORRY, SORRY!
I WAS JUST KIDDING!!
YOU'RE IN MY CLASS AREN'T YOU?
DO YOU GO HOME THIS WAY?
WANT TO WALK TOGETHER?
Aiko gave off...

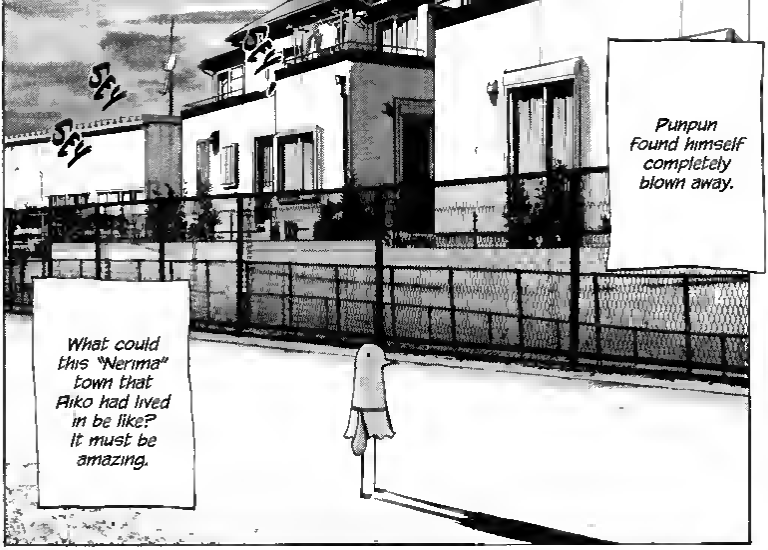
...Just the faintest trace of a nice smell.
DID YOU FINISH WRITING YOUR ESSAY?
I DID IT RIGHT AWAY!
IT WAS EASY. I ALREADY KNOW I WANT TO BE AN ACTRESS, A SINGER OR A MODEL!

GUESS WHAT?
IN A FEW YEARS, THE OIL WILL RUN OUT AND THE ENVIRONMENT WILL COLLAPSE, AND WE WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE ON EARTH ANYMORE
SO WE'LL HAVE TO COLLINIZE OTHER STARS, OR HUMANITY WILL GO EXTINCT
DID YOU KNOW THAT?!

OUR DADDIES ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO SURVIVE
BUT I THINK THERE'S NO ESCAPING FROM US-TINCTION
THAT'S WHY I'M GONNA DO EVERYTHING WHEN I'M A TEENAGER, MAKE LOTS OF MONEY, AND SPEND IT ALL IN MY TWENTIES!


...OH, WAIT
SORRY THIS IS WHERE I HAVE TO SAY BYE

SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW!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Punpun found himself completely blown away.
What could this "Nerima" town that Aiko had lived in be like? It must be amazing.

but he held back his tears.

He soon lost his way home and was in danger of crying,

Punpun began to wonder what kind of adult he would be.

THAT'S RIGHT!!
RUN, RUN, RUN!!
IT'S A BASE HIT!!
He had never played baseball before, but he knew how much his dad loved watching baseball on TV.
NOW THIS IS HOW THE GIANTS WIN GAMES!
Punpun actually wanted to be a baseball player when he grew up.
GET ME A BEER, WIFE!!
...THERE'S NONE LEFT..
Sometimes he would wonder to himself, is that really the same thing as "wanting" to do something?
HEH AND ON THIS TOPIC...
...NONE LEFT..?
AFTER A GAME LIKE THAT A MAN NEEDS TO BREAK OUT HIS SLUGGER IN BED!
DON'T YOU TELL ME THERE'S NONE LEFT, YOU BITCH!!

GRAAAAAH
I BOUGHT THAT FUCKIN' BEER WITH MY OWN MONEY, YOU WHORE!!
YOU'VE BEEN UNEMPLOYED FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR!!
I KNOW THERE'S SOME FUCKING BEER IN THE FRIDGE!!
NOW GET ME SOME, WOMAN!!
CRASH
YOU-
YOU-
YOU-FUCKING-
...SLUT-
NO, I MEAN THERE'S NONE LEFT FOR YOU TONIGHT!
CLONK
I TURNED DOWN THAT TRANSFER OUT OF TOWN FOR THE FAMILY'S SAKE!!
HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW THEY WERE GONNA FIRE ME?!
ISN'T A MAN'S WIFE S'POSE TA SUPPORT HIS DECISIONS?!
WHY DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE THE LOVE I GIVE YOU?!!
Punpun was somewhat used to this.

So he decided to pray to God.
By chanting "Dear God, dear God, tinkle-tinkle hoy," God would appear.
He had been taught this little trick by Uncle Yuichi, who lived in Oofuna.
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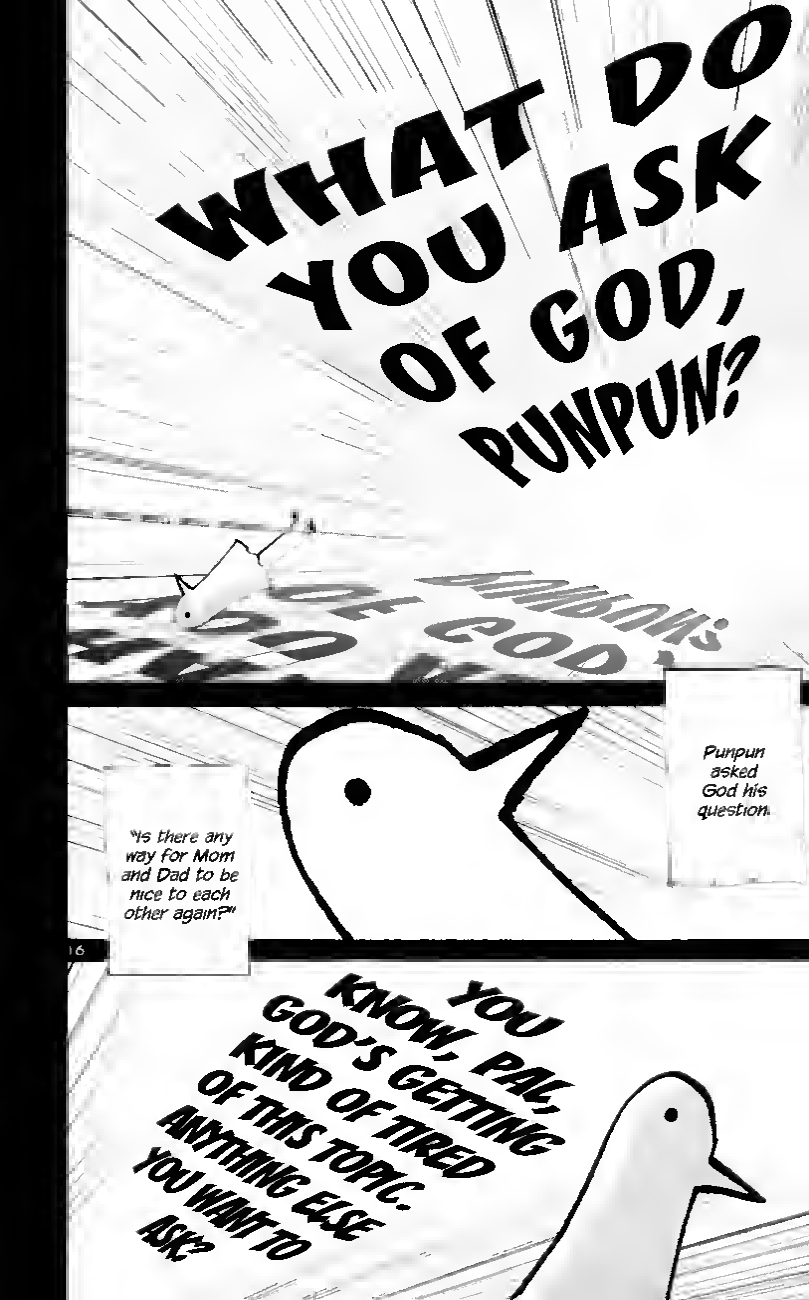
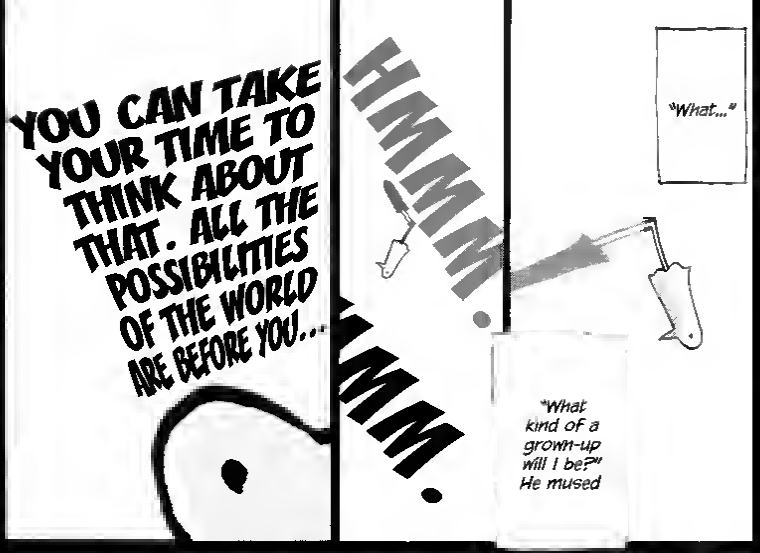
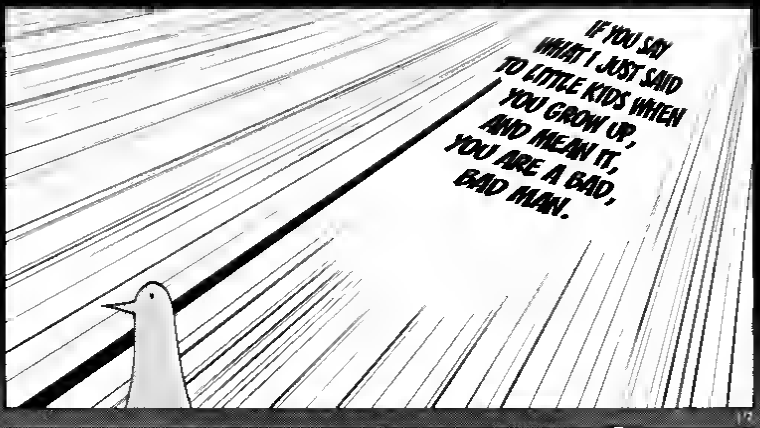
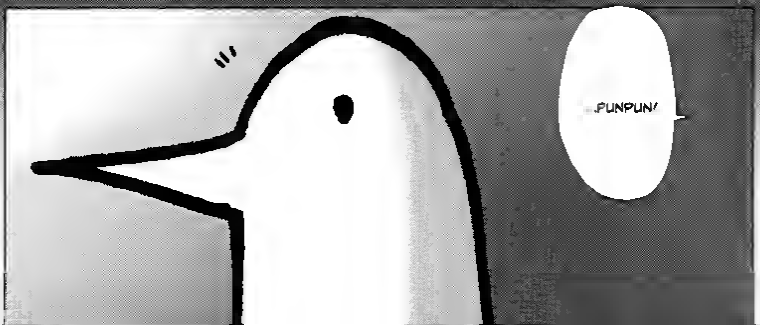
*My Dream Class 5, Punpun Punyama


WHAT DO YOU ASK OF GOD, PUNPUN?
Punpun asked God his question.
"Is there any way for Mom and Dad to be nice to each other again?"
YOU KNOW, PAL, GOD'S GETTING KIND OF TIRED OF THIS TOPIC. ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO ASK?


YOU CAN TAKE YOUR TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT. ALL THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE WORLD ARE BEFORE YOU...
HMMM.
MM.
"What..."
"What kind of a grown-up will I be?" He mused


IF YOU SAY WHAT I JUST SAID TO LITTLE KIDS WHEN YOU GROW UP, AND MEAN IT, YOU ARE A BAD, BAD MAN.


...PUNPUN!

OOPS! SORRY DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT YOUR HOMEWORK
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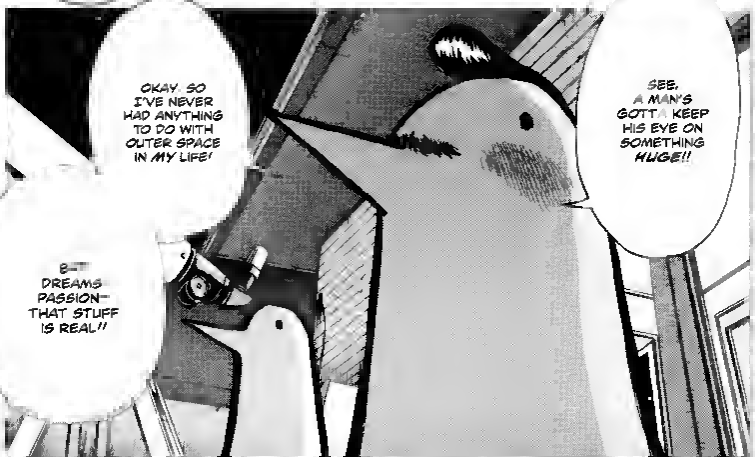
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A PRESENT, ACTUALLY
IT'S A TELESCOPE!
AIN'T THAT SWEET?
I JUST HAPPENED TO WIN IT PLAYING THE SL...
I MEAN I GOT IT FROM A FRIEND OF MINE
NOW YOU CAN LOOK THROUGH THIS
AND BE SO CLOSE TO THE STARS YOU CAN TOUCH THEM!

SEE THAT BIG TRIANGLE IN THE EAST THIS TIME OF YEAR?
THE STAR ON TOP IS VEGA, IN THE LYRA CONSTELLATION.
NOW, VEGA IS 27 LIGHT-YEARS AWAY FROM EARTH.
THAT MEANS THE LIGHT YOU SEE FROM IT NOW IS FROM 27 YEARS AGO.

..WHAT? CAN YOU SEE NERIMA FROM HERE?
NERIMA'S A BIT TOO CLOSE, I THINK...


SEE, A MAN'S GOTTA KEEP HIS EYE ON SOMETHING *HUGE*!!
OKAY, SO I'VE NEVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH OUTER SPACE IN *MY* LIFE!
B-- DREAMS, PASSION-- THAT STUFF IS REAL!!

Suddenly Punpun understood

"That's it. I'll study outer space."

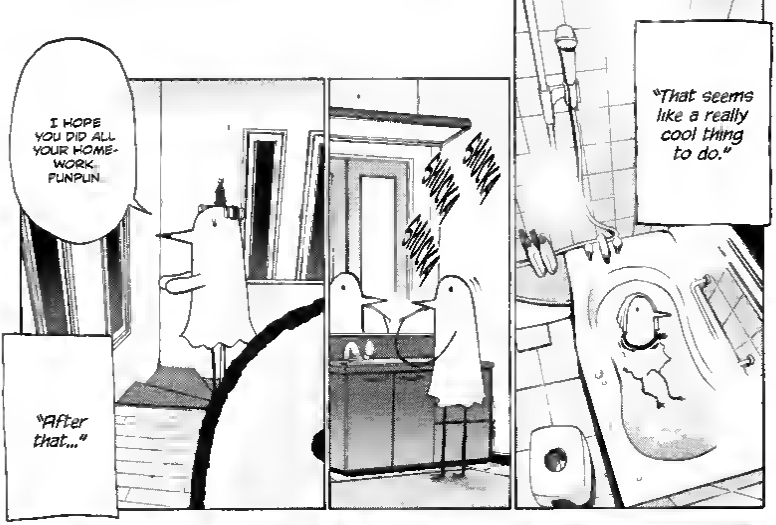
"I'll get real smart and be a space scientist."

Class 5, Punpun Punyama

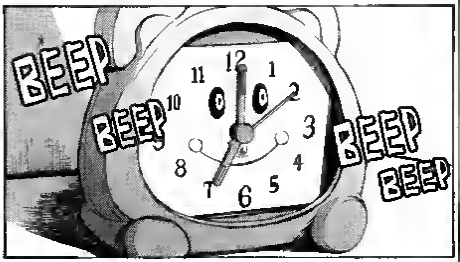
My dream is to grow up and study outer space. When I'm an adult, I want to be a space scientist. Then I will find a way to help mankind collinize the stars. That means I have to get good grades and get into a good college. Space is very big. It is much bigger than Japan, so when I become a scientist and people can't survive here anymore,

we can use space shuttles and rockets to live on all different planets.

"Then I'll make it so mankind can collinize the stars!!"



"Aiko will actually fall in love with me!!"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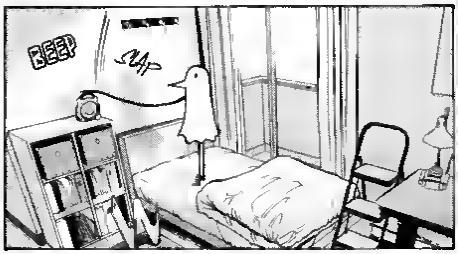
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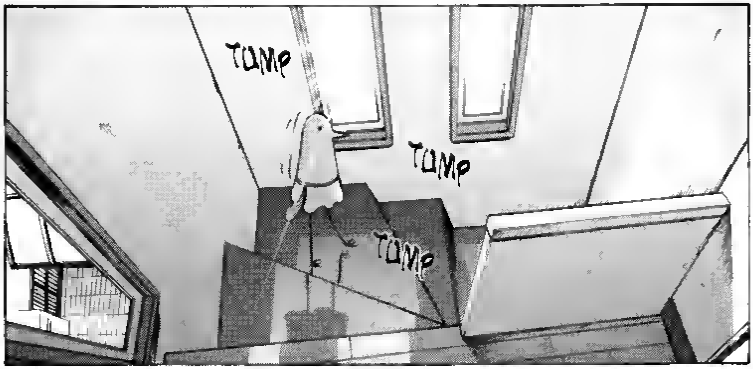
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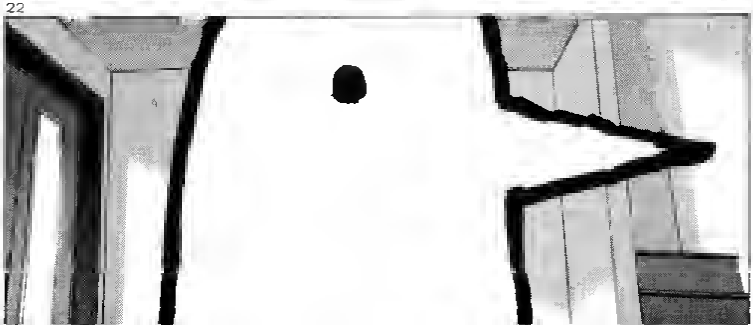
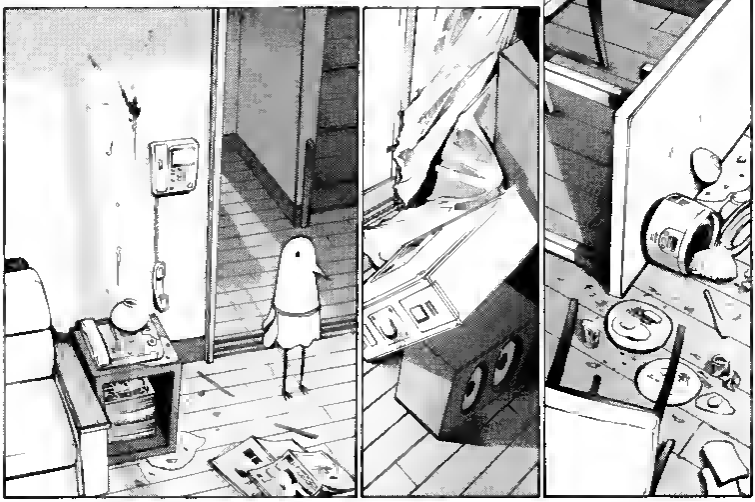
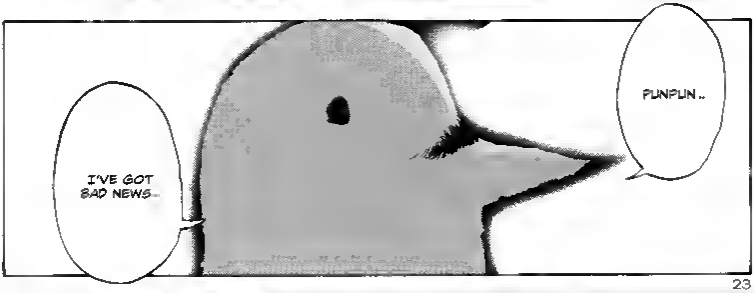
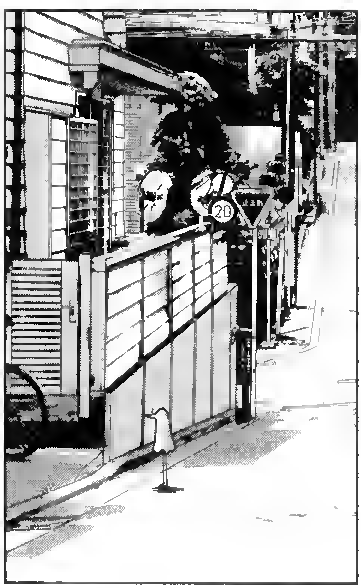





PUNPUN..
I'VE GOT BAD NEWS...

A ROBBER SNUCK INTO OUR HOUSE

PUNPUN...
I'M TELLING THE TRUTH...
A ROBBER REALLY DID SNEAK INTO THE HOUSE!
YOU BELIEVE ME, DON'T YOU?!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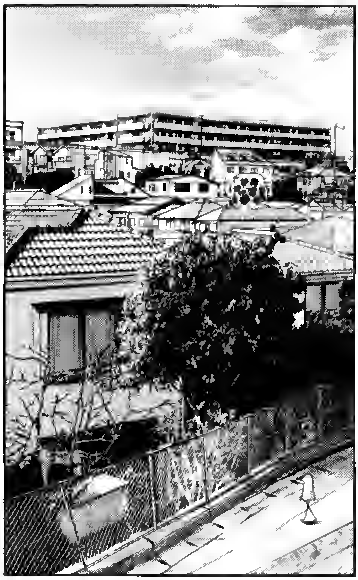

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Punpun did not go
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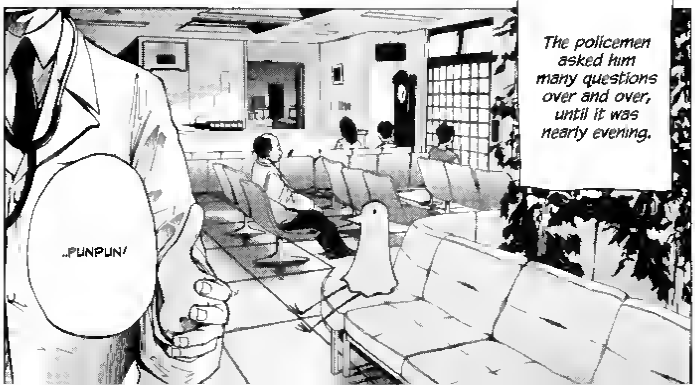

C'MON, LET'S GO HOME

Uncle Yuichi was his mom's brother, and he lived in Oofuna with Grandma.
Uncle Yuichi from Oofuna came to get him.

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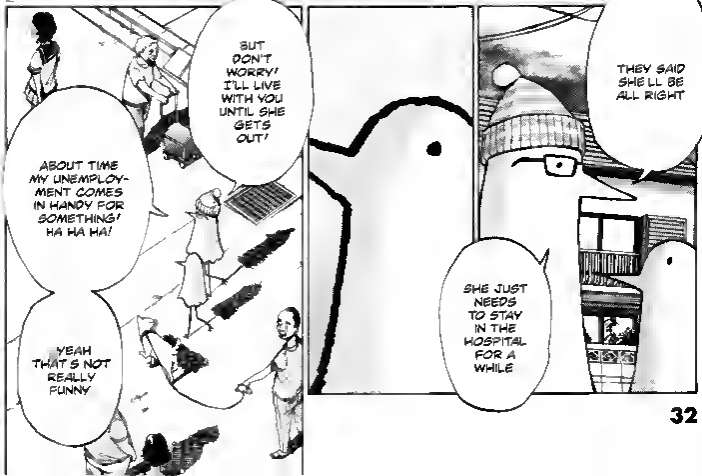
BUT DON'T WORRY! I'LL LIVE WITH YOU UNTIL SHE GETS OUT!
ABOUT TIME MY UNEMPLOY-MENT COMES IN HANDY FOR SOMETHING! HA HA HA!
YEAH THAT'S NOT REALLY FUNNY
THEY SAID SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT
SHE JUST NEEDS TO STAY IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A WHILE

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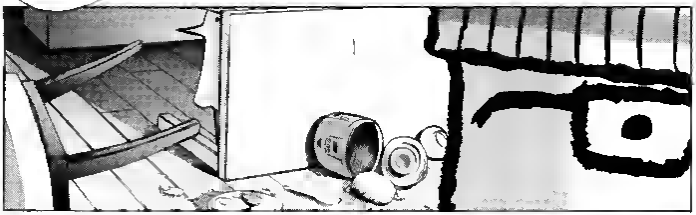
OOOH, BOY THIS PLACE IS A MESS.
IT'S TOO BAD I KNOW YOUR DAD'S A GOOD MAN AT HEART...



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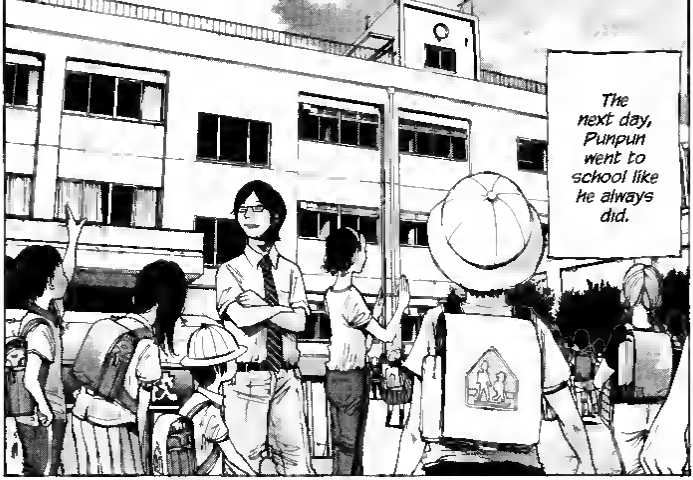
WANT TO PLAY A LITTLE GAME BEFORE WE CLEAN UP?!
HMM?
ANGOLMOIS!!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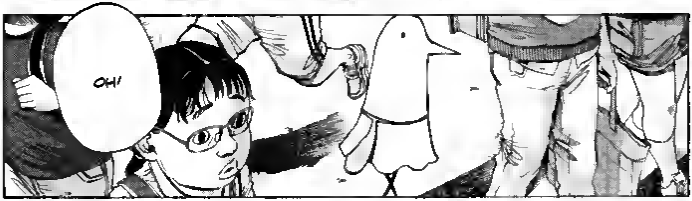
OH!

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H-HIYA, PUNPUN!"
GOOD MORNING
As you might have guessed, Aiko was already the talk of the class.

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HAW HAW HAW
...ON A NORMAL DAY!!
HEL-LOOO, CLASS!! GOOD MORNING!!
5-2
FIRST PERIOD IS JAPANESE!!
PUNPUN!!
DO YOU HAVE THE ESSAY YOU WROTE FOR HOMEWORK YESTERDAY?
5
WHAT'S WRONG ?
The question came so suddenly that Punpun was quite taken aback.
WE TOOK ALL MORNING YESTERDAY READING OUR PAPERS
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO READ FOR THE CLASS PUNPUN!!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SAY YOU DIDN'T DO IT ARE YOU?

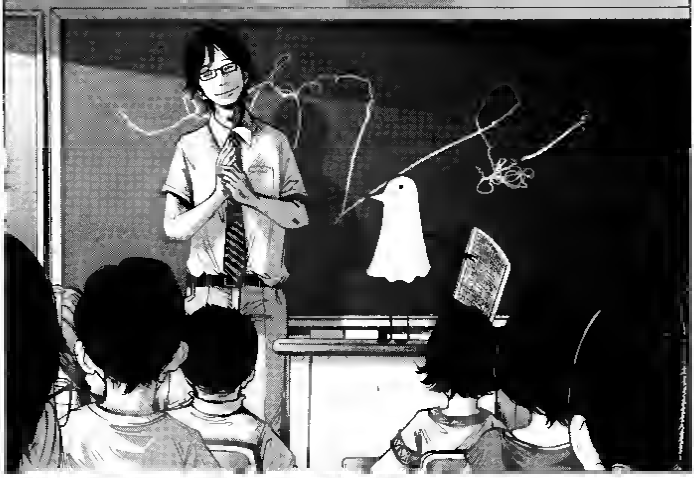
AAAA OOAOO AAAA !!!!
WOO AAA OOO WAAA
6
YOU'RE SUPPOSED! TO DO! YOUR HOME-WORK!!
DO!! IT!!
DO IAAAAA-AAAT!!
HWOAK
HWOAK
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT ELSE HAPPENS, YOU HAVE TO DO IT!!
HWOAK

...EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN PROBLEMS
MM-HMM.
IT'S NOT RIGHT TO GIVE ANYONE SPECIAL TREATMENT, MM-HMM.
THAT WOULDN'T BE FAIR, WOULD IT...
BUT WHAT THE HELL IS "FAIR," ANYWAY?!
OOO-WAH-YOOEY!!
WOULD YOU GODDAMN KIDS STOP GETTIN' SO UPPITY. MAAMAN?!
EEYA-YAYAA-AAAA-AAA!!
...TEACHER?
I THINK PUNPUN ACTUALLY DID WRITE HIS ESSAY.

JUUUUST KIDDING!

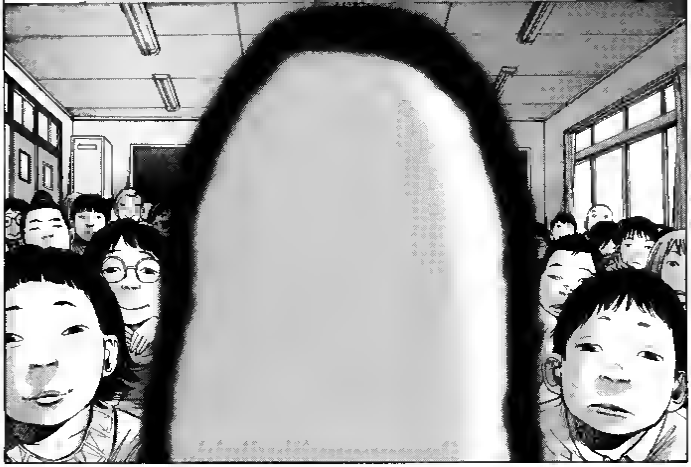
MR VICE PRINCIPAL
WHAT IS IT MR PRINCIPAL?
AREN'T YOU BORED? LET'S PLAY HIDE AND-SEEK

EEEEEEEK
YOU ARE ON, SIR
THEN WE MUST DETER-MINE WHO WILL BE IT...
BAM.
EEEK



Punpun's dream
is to be a space scientist
and help humanity
collinize the stars.

Oh...
...Someone in the class made fun of him, and said he couldn't do it?
Dear Aiko is watching!!
Just that horrible thought...
...filled Punpun with a terrible dread and shame.
COME ON, PUNPUN!!
CLAP CLAP
ANNOUNCE IT TO EVERYONE, NICE AND LOUD!!



"My dream is to be a normal salaryman, and have a normal family."

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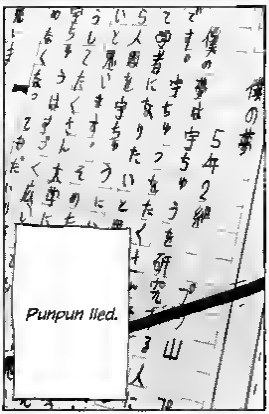

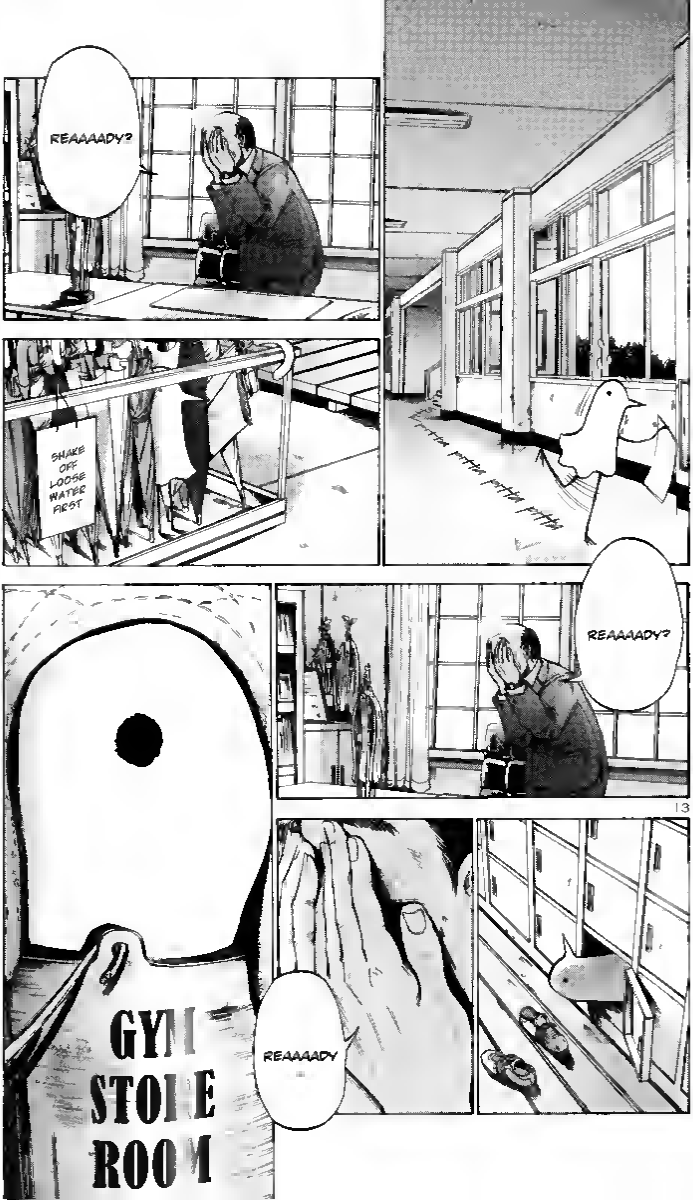
REAAAADY?
SHAKE OFF LOOSE WATER FIRST
pitter patter pitter patter
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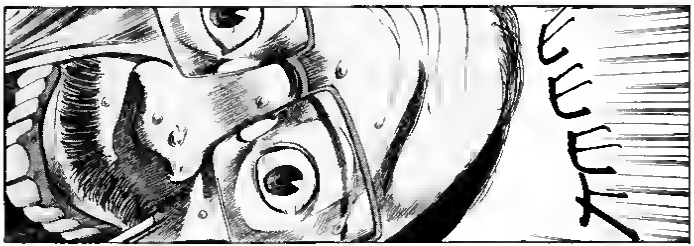
REAAAADY
GYM STORE ROOM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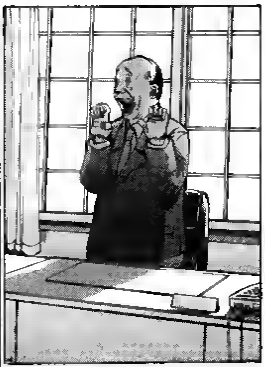
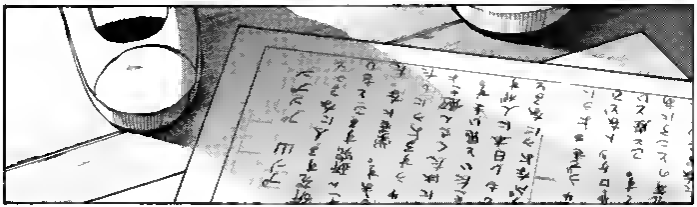
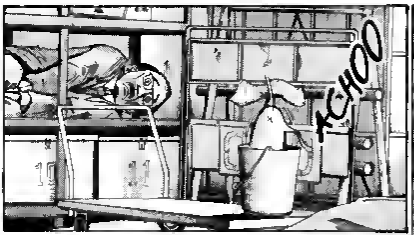


PUNPUN SURE WAS ACTIN WEIRD..
MY MOM SAID IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE YOU-KNOW-WHAT
...I WONDER IF WE CAN CHEER HIM UP SOMEHOW
CUZ LIKE, HIS DAD'S IN JAIL RIGHT?
HE'S SUSPECTED OF ASSOLT
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO HIM THIS MORNING
ME EITHER
WHY NOT JUST ACT LIKE NORMAL?
...WHAT WAS NORMAL AGAIN...?

IT'S HARD TO ACT NORMAL SOME TIMES...

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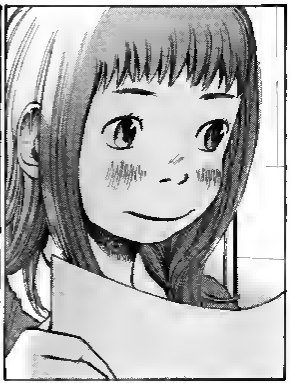

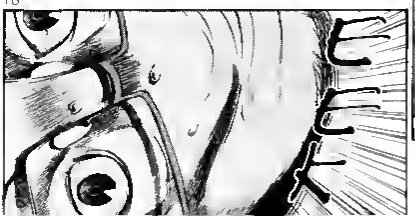
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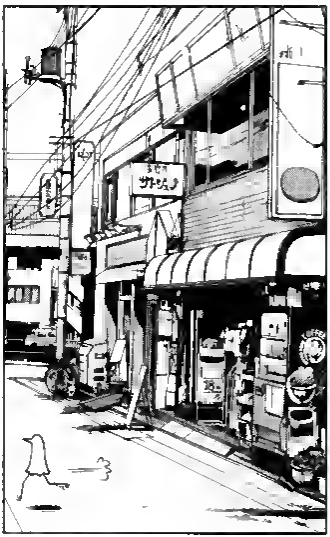

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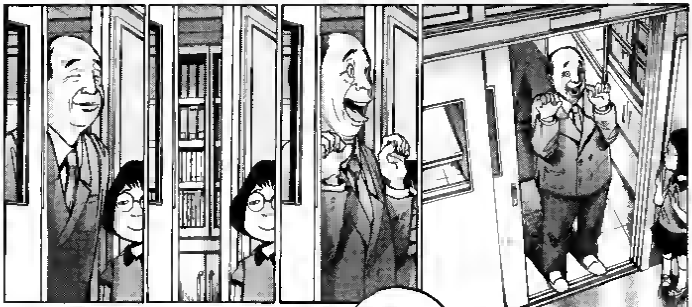
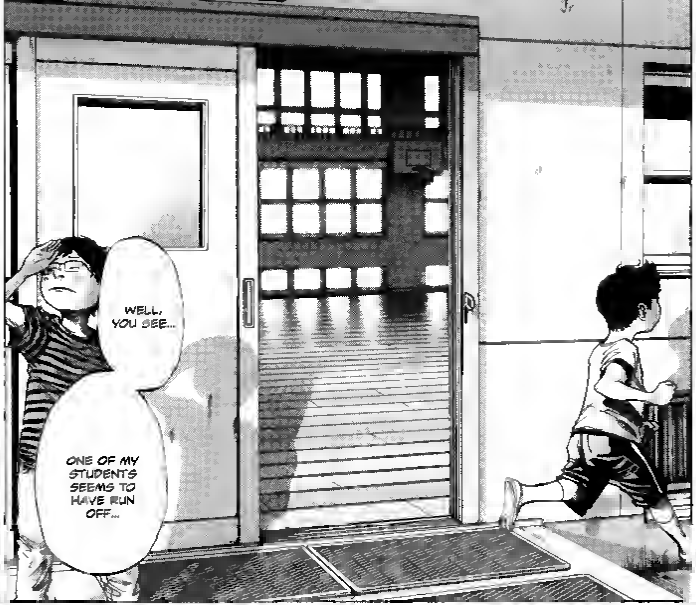


WHAT IS THE MATTER MR MORI? THIS IS CLASS TIME



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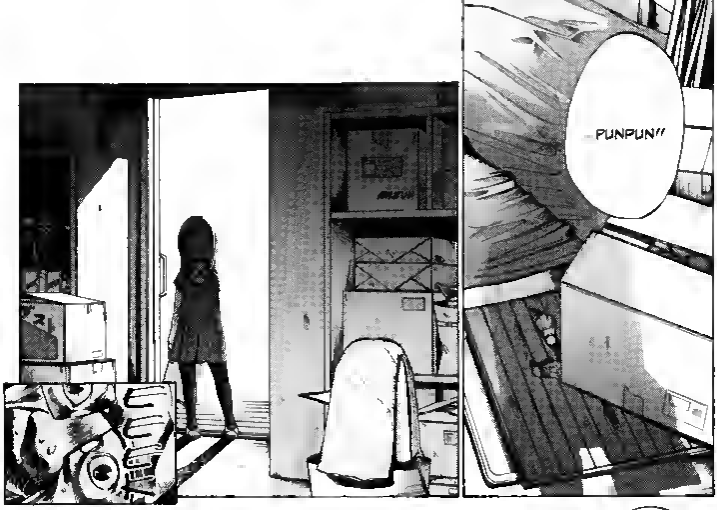
Punpun ruminated calmly.

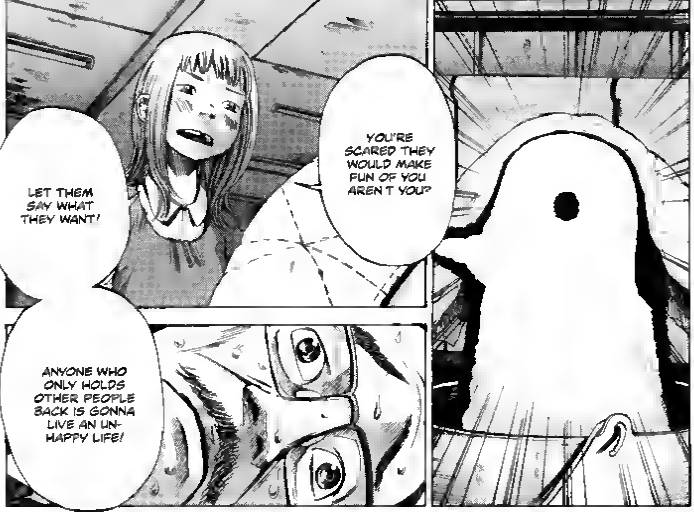
Maybe it would be impossible for him to collinize other stars

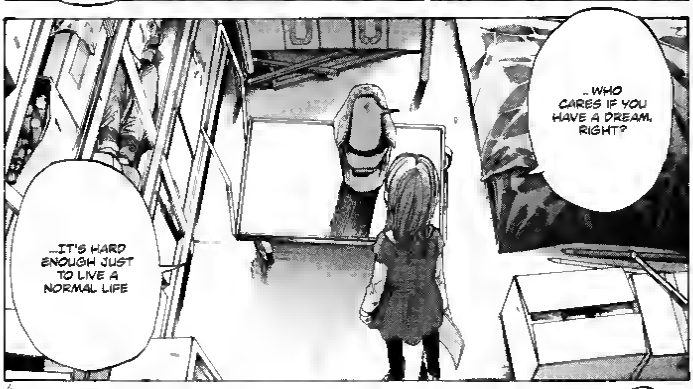
He wasn't even sure if he actually wanted to be a scientist anymore.

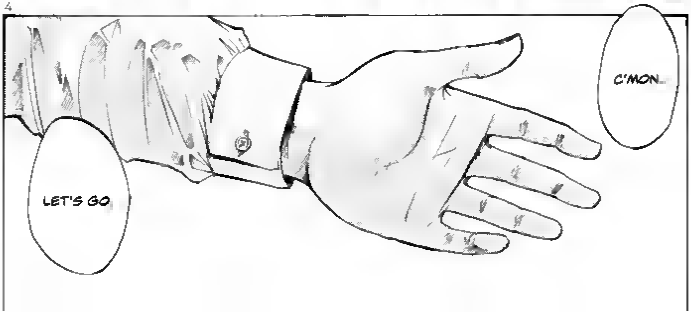

PUNPUN!!

WHY DID YOU LIE TO THEM?
...IT'S REALLY COOL THAT YOU WANT TO BE A SCIENTIST
YOU SHOULD JUST TELL THEM!
TELL THEM YOU RE GONNA SAVE US FROM USTINCTION

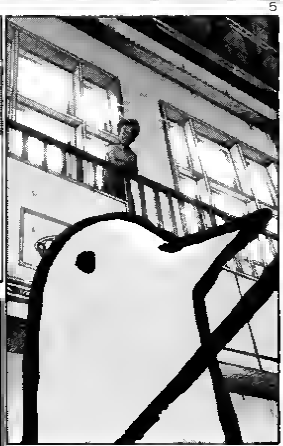
YOU COWARD


YOU'RE SCARED THEY WOULD MAKE FUN OF YOU AREN'T YOU?
LET THEM SAY WHAT THEY WANT!
ANYONE WHO ONLY HOLDS OTHER PEOPLE BACK IS GONNA LIVE AN UN-HAPPY LIFE!


...WHO CARES IF YOU HAVE A DREAM, RIGHT?
...IT'S HARD ENOUGH JUST TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE


C'MON.
LET'S GO.

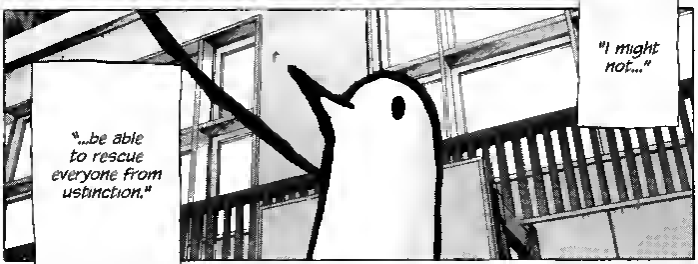
Aiko's hand was soft, and warm, and so small, he thought.



But most of all, Punpun thought, he did not want to let go of it.

A single thought raced...

...through Punpun's head.

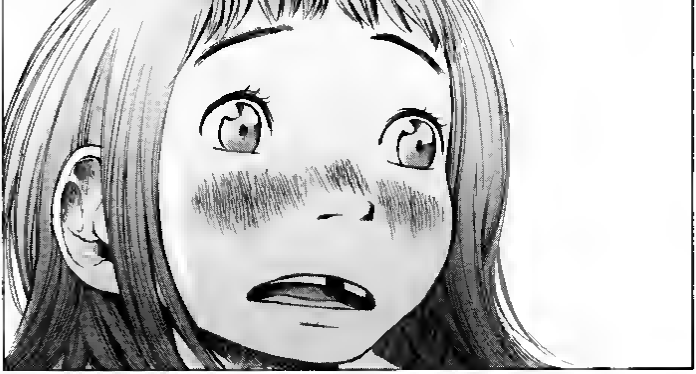

"I might not..."
"...be able to rescue everyone from ustinction."

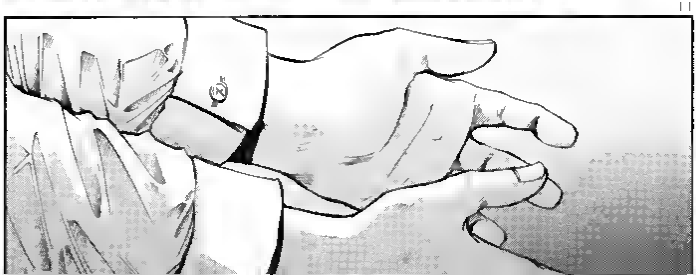
YEAH?

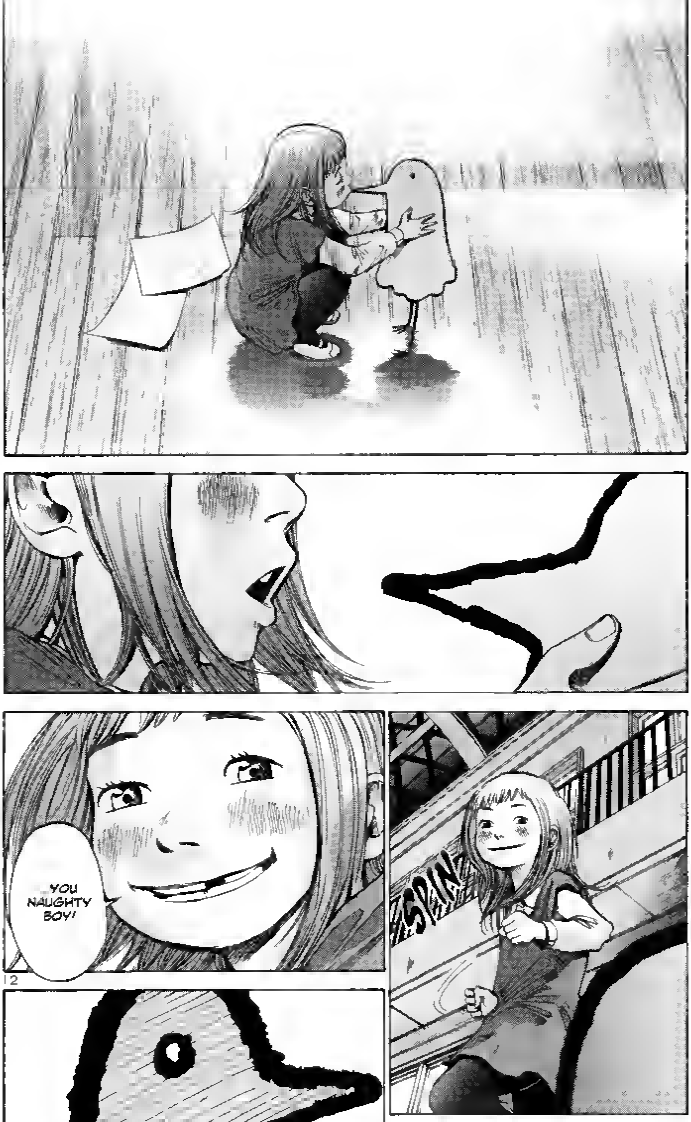
"But at the very least,"
"I want to save YOU from that fate."

...WHY?

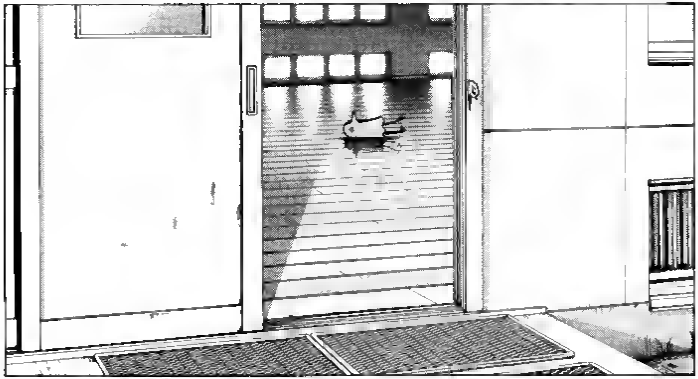
"Because I love you."






YOU NAUGHTY BOY!
SKIN

TEECH-URRR!!
I FOUND PUNPUN!!
TMP
TMP
TMP



It's my wish

to be around her

IF YOU DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO THE SONG, TEACHER'S GOING TO PUT YOU IN A HEAD-LOCK!!

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA

Punpun couldn't even look in Aiko's direction for the rest of the day.
PUNPUN!!

I wish I had that
The frantic beating of his heart refused to calm.
It was so bad that Punpun was afraid he would take off into flight.

PUN !!
PUNPUN !!

We're having the Porno flick showing at Shimi's house this Sunday (PJs!!)

I HOPE YOU'LL CONTINUE YOUR GREAT WORK WITH PUNPUN'S EDUCATION
..WELL, I THINK I SHOULD BE GOING NOW
I DO HAVE A MEETING WITH A LAWYER TO SEE TO

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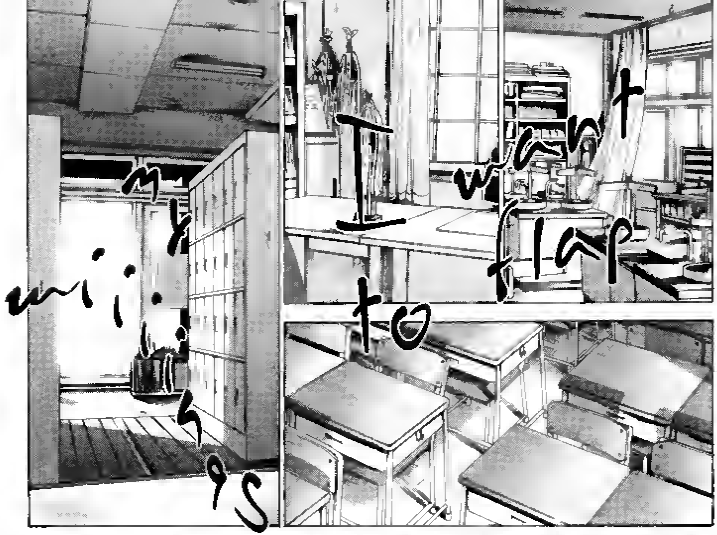
..WE APPRECIATE YOUR TROUBLE SIR
NO, NO NO, NOT AT ALL
EVERYONE HAS TROUBLE IN LIFE LIKE IT OR NOT
IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT NOBODY CAN ESCAPE

I want

to spread my wings
to the wide open sky
and fly away

The sky of freedom,
far away from
sadness



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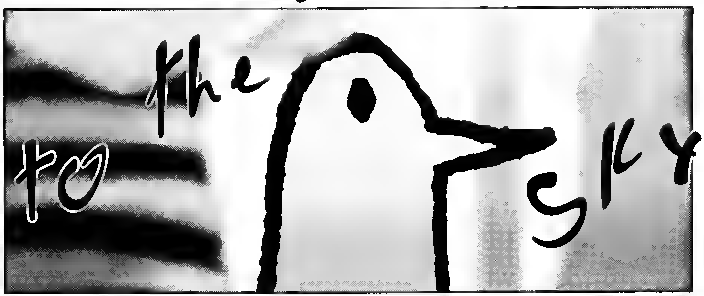
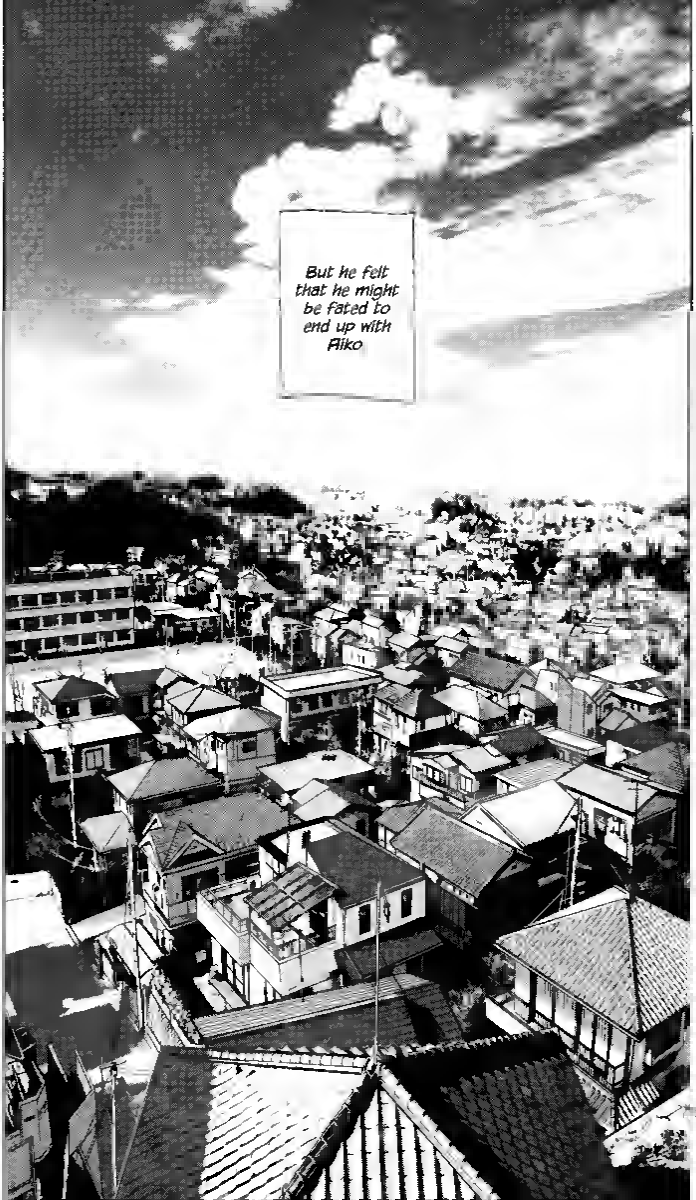
At this moment, Punpun received a faint, but real sensation.



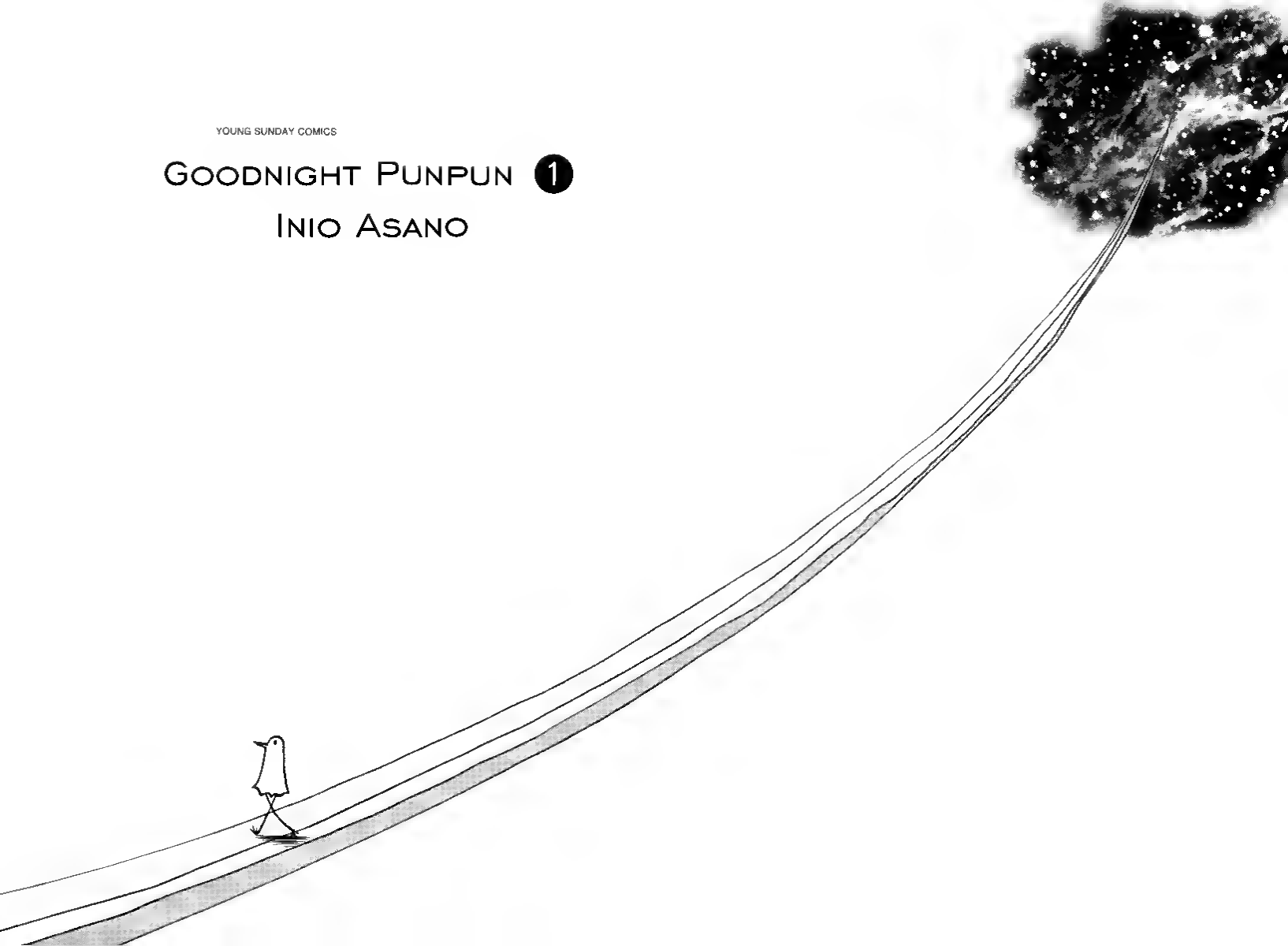
Of course, as he was just a child, it was absolutely new to Punpun...


But he felt that he might be fated to end up with Aiko

YOUNG SUNDAY COMICS

Goodnight Punpun 1

Inio Asano



Today was a special day. A very, very fun special day.
MORNING, FUNPUN!
WILL YOU HELP ME UNPACK?
AFTER TALKING WITH YOUR MOM WE DECIDED I'LL BE STAYING HERE FOR A WHILE
PARTLY TO HELP YOU AND PARTLY BECAUSE GRANDPA AND GRANDMA DON'T WANT ME LIVING OFF SAVINGS IN THEIR HOUSE ANYMORE
HOW ABOUT THIS FUNPUN?
WHY DON'T YOU CARRY THE LITTLE PARTS TO FUNPUN PAPA'S ROOM?
HMM?

BRUMMM
WE DON'T WANT TO MAKE IT HARD ON YOUR DAD WHEN HE COMES BACK
OH... RIGHT RIGHT
OF COURSE

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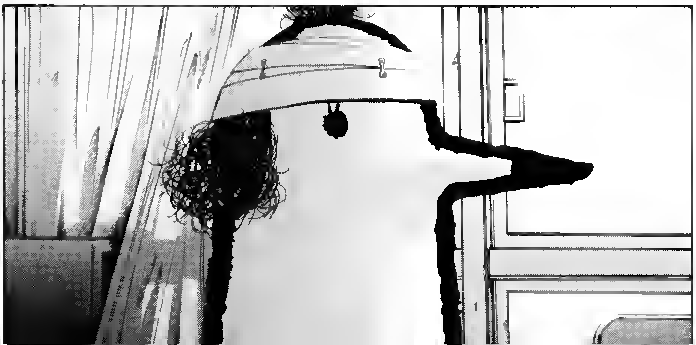

SISTER...
PUNPUN CAME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE YOU. DON'T YOU HAVE ANY-THING TO SAY?

MRS. FUNYAMA HAS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM HER FOREHEAD INJURY
WE GAVE HER A FEW STITCHES ON THE BACK OF HER HEAD, WHERE SHE HIT THE GROUND BUT THERE SHOULD BE NO BRAIN DAMAGE
WE'LL GIVE HER A PRECISION SCAN BUT I DON'T FORESEE ANY TROUBLE
IN FACT SHE'S A BIT TOO LIVELY!
SHE KEEPS COMPLAINING THAT WE DON'T GIVE HER ENOUGH FOOD OR THAT SHE'S BORED AT NIGHT
GOSH I'M SORRY SHE'S GIVING YOU TROUBLE
DON'T WORRY... YOUR MOMMY WILL BE OUT OF HERE IN NO TIME!
OOOOOH! IS THIS MRS FUNYAMA'S SON?!
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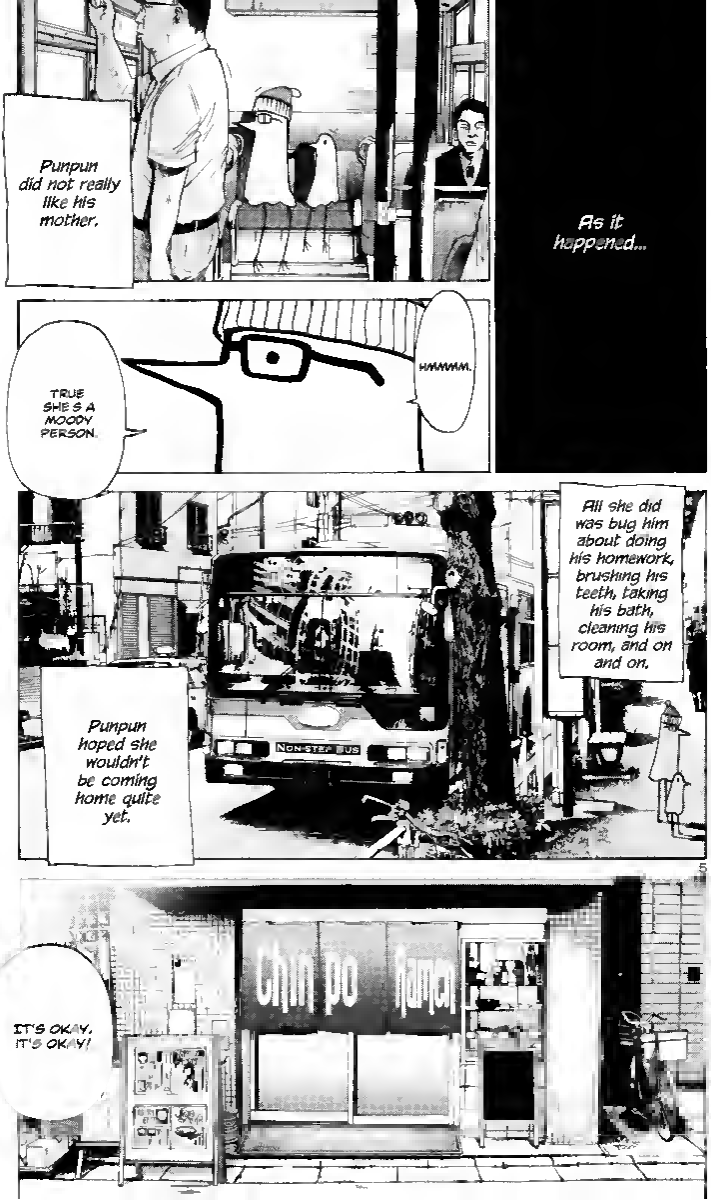
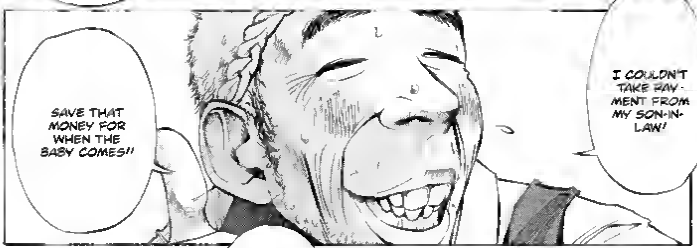

Punpun did not really like his mother.
As it happened...
HMMMM.
TRUE SHE'S A MOODY PERSON.
All she did was bug him about doing his homework, brushing his teeth, taking his bath, cleaning his room, and on and on.
Punpun hoped she wouldn't be coming home quite yet.
NON-STEP BUS
IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY!
chin po hamai

NO NO NO.
I REALLY INSIST, FATHER! YOU MUST ACCEPT MY MONEY!!
NO NO NO NO,
IT'S OKAY, IT'S COOL!!


I COULDN'T TAKE PAYMENT FROM MY SON-IN-LAW!
SAVE THAT MONEY FOR WHEN THE BABY COMES!!

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OH RIGHT! I WANNA GIVE YOU SOMETHING!
HANG ON A SEC!
mutter
mutter

..DAD'S REALLY CHANGED
HE'S A TOTAL DOTING GRANDPA NOW
HE USED TO BE SO STUBBORN AND ANGRY ALL THE TIME..
..MAYBE HE'S JUST LONELY NOW... AFTER MOM DIED..
AHA, FOUND 'EM!!

I TRAVELED THE COUNTRY AND GATHERED ALL THESE SAFE BIRTH CHARMS!
GO ON, HONEY, KEEP THEM FOR GOOD LUCK!!
UMM...
I DON'T KNOW HOW ALL THOSE GODS ARE GOING TO FEEL ABOUT THIS
THANKS FOR THE FOOD!!

YOU'RE GETTIN' UP THERE, DAD. YOU CAN'T WORK TOO HARD ON YOUR OWN ALL RIGHT?
YOU CAN COME AND LIVE WITH US ANY-TIME YOU'RE READY.

HEY. DON'T MAKE FUNNA ME!
I'M STILL A WORKIN' MAN!!

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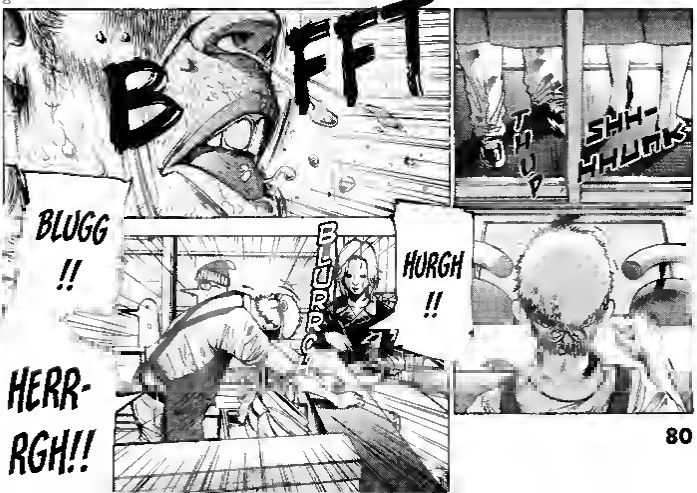
BFFT
SHH-HHUNK
BLUGG !!
BLURRG
HURGH !!
HERR-RGH!!

HKKEEEEE
UR-RBB !!
UBLUG!
BLG-UCK!
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!

NGLUG
NGLUG
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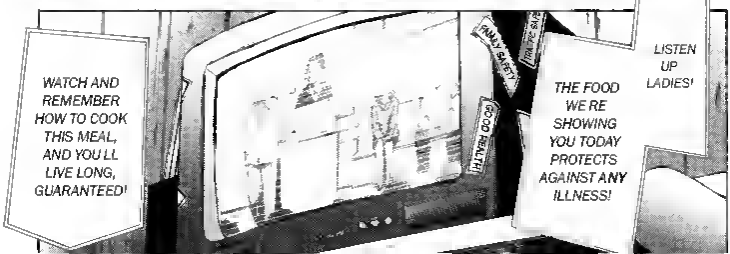
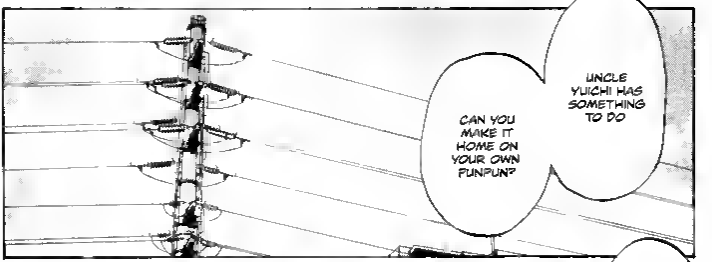

WATCH AND REMEMBER HOW TO COOK THIS MEAL, AND YOU'LL LIVE LONG, GUARANTEED!
FAMILY SAFETY
GOOD HEALTH
THE FOOD WE'RE SHOWING YOU TODAY PROTECTS AGAINST ANY ILLNESS!
LISTEN UP LADIES!



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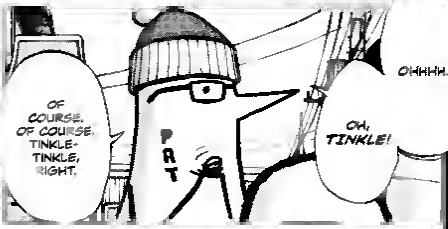
"When do you think Dad will come home?"

Punpun asked.

HMMMM
WELL, THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS
"Do you think if I ask God, he'll come home soon?"
"By saying, dear God, dear God, tinkle-tinkle hoy."
higashiguchi
shopping center
T...
TINK..?



"Dear God, dear God, tinkle-tinkle hoy" is the spell you taught me three years ago, Uncle Yuichi.

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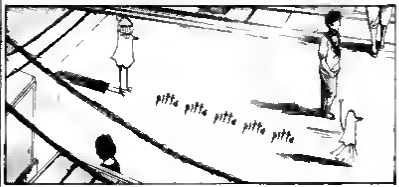
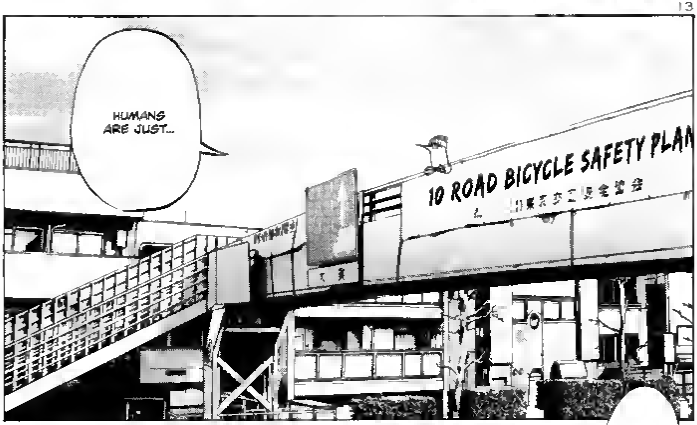
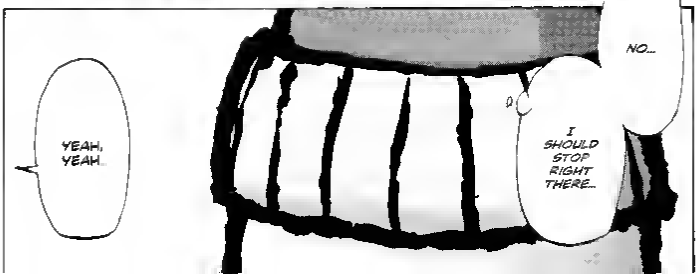
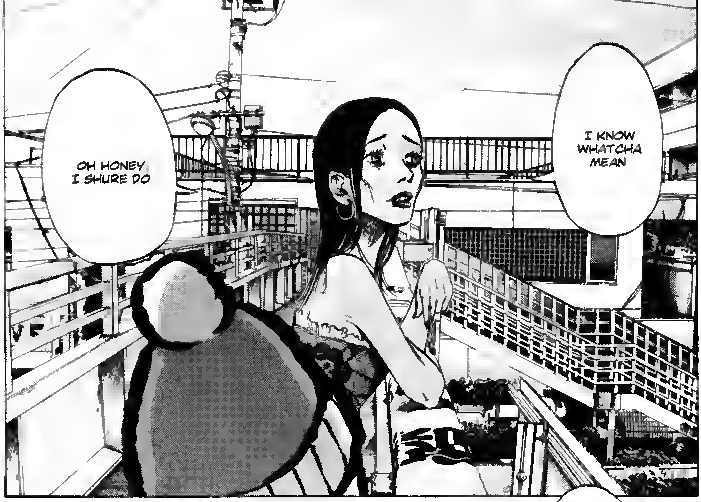
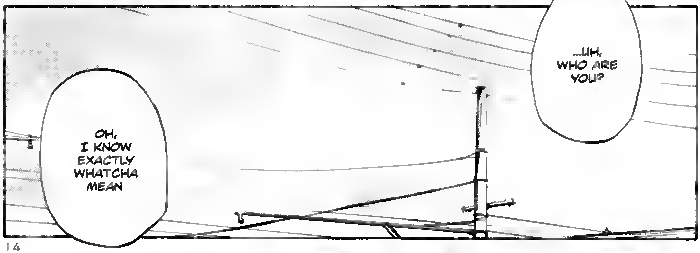


I DON'T REALLY CARE EITHER WAY
DID GOD CREATE MAN, OR DID MAN CREATE GOD..?
..GOD, HUH..?
WHEW
..OH WELL, HUMANS ARE JUST..


HUMANS ARE JUST...
10 ROAD BICYCLE SAFETY PLAN


NO...
I SHOULD STOP RIGHT THERE...
YEAH, YEAH.


I KNOW WHATCHA MEAN
OH HONEY, I SHURE DO


..UH, WHO ARE YOU?
OH, I KNOW EXACTLY WHATCHA MEAN

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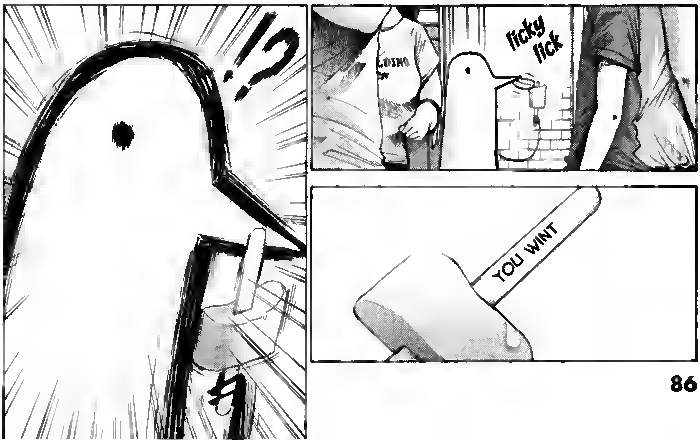
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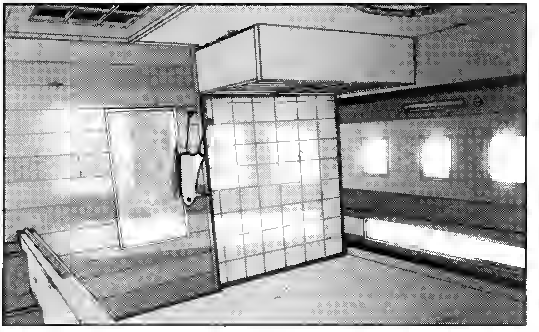

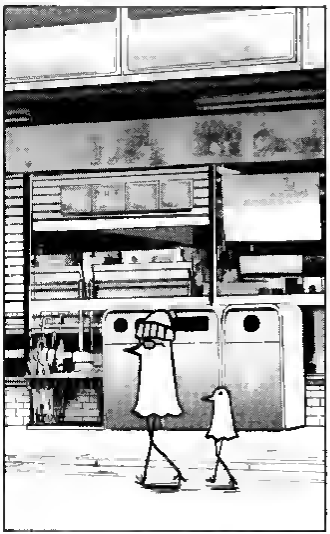

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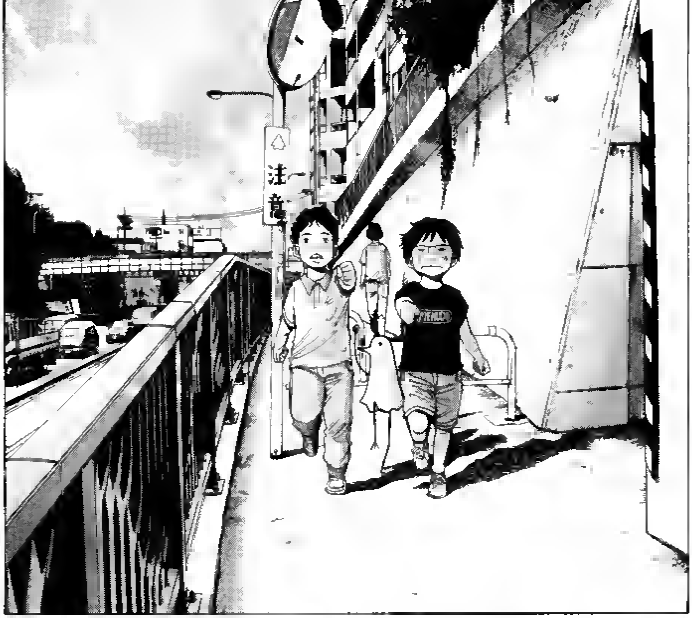
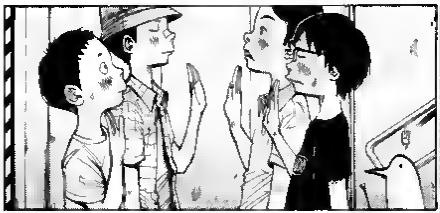


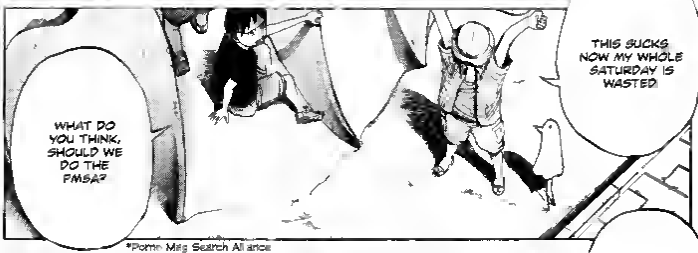


S-SORRY, GUYS...
WE HAVE TO CANCEL THE FFS TODAY...
MY, UM VCR IS BROKEN...
A-AND MY MOM'S COMING HOME SOON..
A-ALSO UMM...
MY, UM STOMACH KINDA HURTS

AWWW

STUPID SHIMIZU, HE WAS LYING AGAIN
HMMM
I BET HE NEVER HAD A VIDEO IN THE FIRST PLACE
C'MON GUYS YOU CAN'T SAY THAT WITHOUT KNOWING THE TRUTH
LIKE BEFORE...
HE SAID "I CAN SHOOT A KAMEHAMEHA"
WHAT A RETARD, RIGHT? BUT HE KEPT SWEARING HE COULD DO IT
SO I MADE HIM SHOW ME, AT THE PANDA PARK.

HE STOOD THERE FOR LIKE A WHOLE HOUR.
AND THEN HE STARTED CRYING AND SAID HE WASN'T FEELING GOOD
DID HE DO IT?
OF COURSE HE COULDN'T DO IT! HE WAS LYING!!



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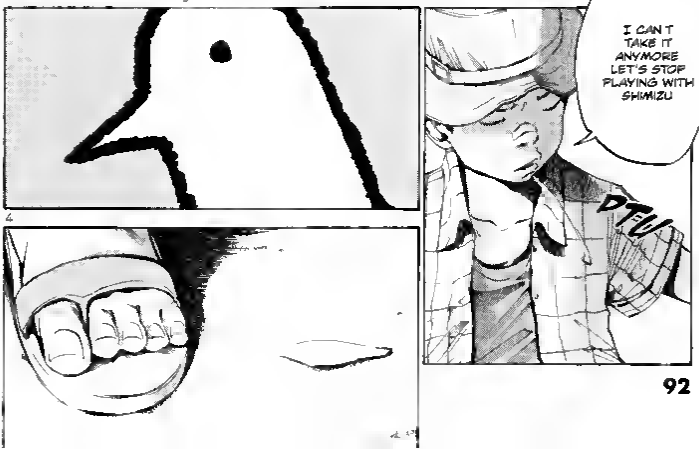
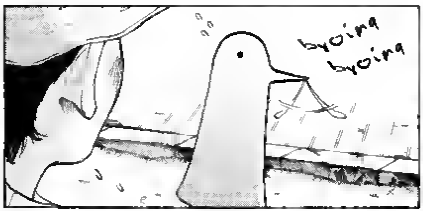


WHAT ARE YOU DOING, PUNPUN?
YOU HAVE TO JOIN ME!!
chuck chuck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PTU
Keep Our Park Clean

gohhhh

FOUND ONE!!
ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!
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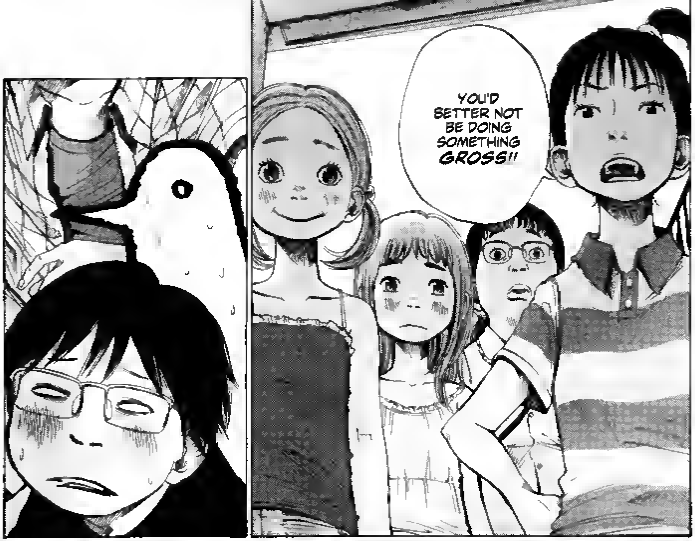
EWW GROSS...
IT'S ALL DIRTY AND CRUMPLED
HEY, AT LEAST WE FOUND ONE!!
C'MON, HARUMIN DON'T YOU WANNA SEE PICS OF PEOPLE DOIN' IT?
SEE-THROUGH SWIMSUIT
690 Yen
Extreme Centerfold
ASOKO YOSHIDA
A SERIES OF 10 BUTT SLUTS IN SHIBU
hesetits,rothenarfrendin

AHH!
WHAT'S AN ORGASM?
DOESN'T THIS PRE EJACULATE LOOK LIKE THE SPECIUM LASER FROM ULTRAMAN?
WHAT'S THAT WHITE STUFF ON THE GIRL'S FACE?
THERE YOU ARE BOYS!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

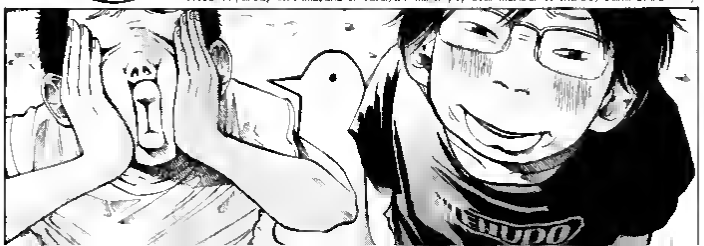

YOU'D BETTER NOT BE DOING SOMETHING GROSS!!

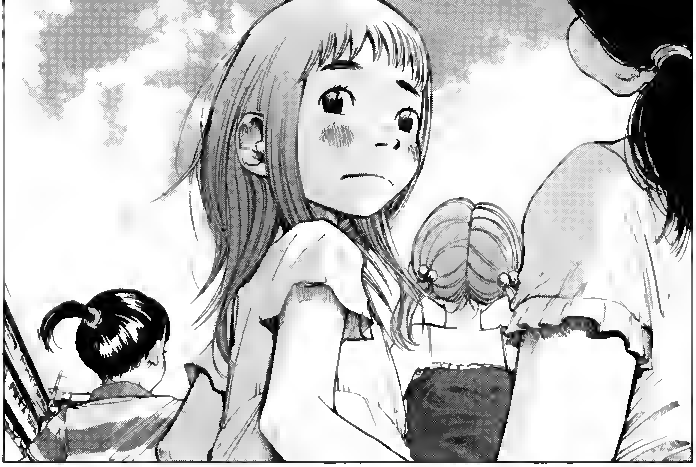
"It's my dear Aiko!!"
...S SHUT UP, YOU'RE JUST GIRLS!

AND KIDS AREN'T ALLOWED TO TRAVEL ON THEIR OWN, RIGHT?
W-WE'RE MAKING PLANS TO TRAVEL SOMEWHERE FOR SUMMER VACATION.
GO SOMEWHERE ELSE!!
ME NUDO
...SO WE'RE DOING IT IN SECRET RIGHT FUNFUN?
NOD NOD
WHY ARE YOU HIDING SOMETHING?

A VACATION SOUNDS REALLY NICE
STOP THAT AIKO!
YOU SHOULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT THESE BOYS SAY!!
I WISH I COULD GO SOMEWHERE REALLY FAR AWAY.
YOU KNOW WHAT? I HATE BOYS
LET'S LEAVE THESE LOSERS BEHIND!
WE DON'T WANT TO MISS THE RERUNS OF SHIMUTAKU'S DRAMA!!
IF IT TURNS OUT YOU WERE LYING, YOU'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE!!

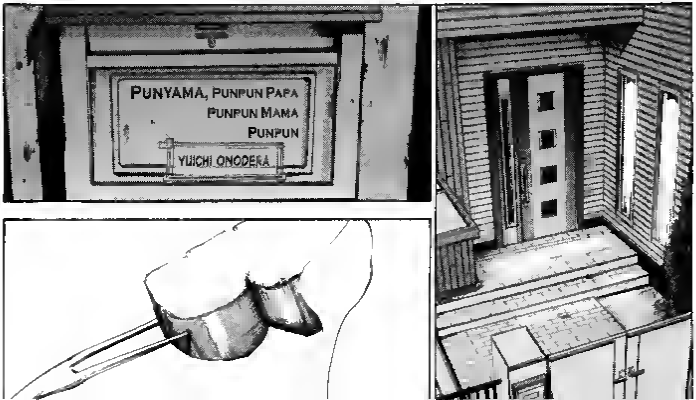
Note: A parody on Kimutaku or Takuya Kimura, pop star member of the boy band SMAP. 9

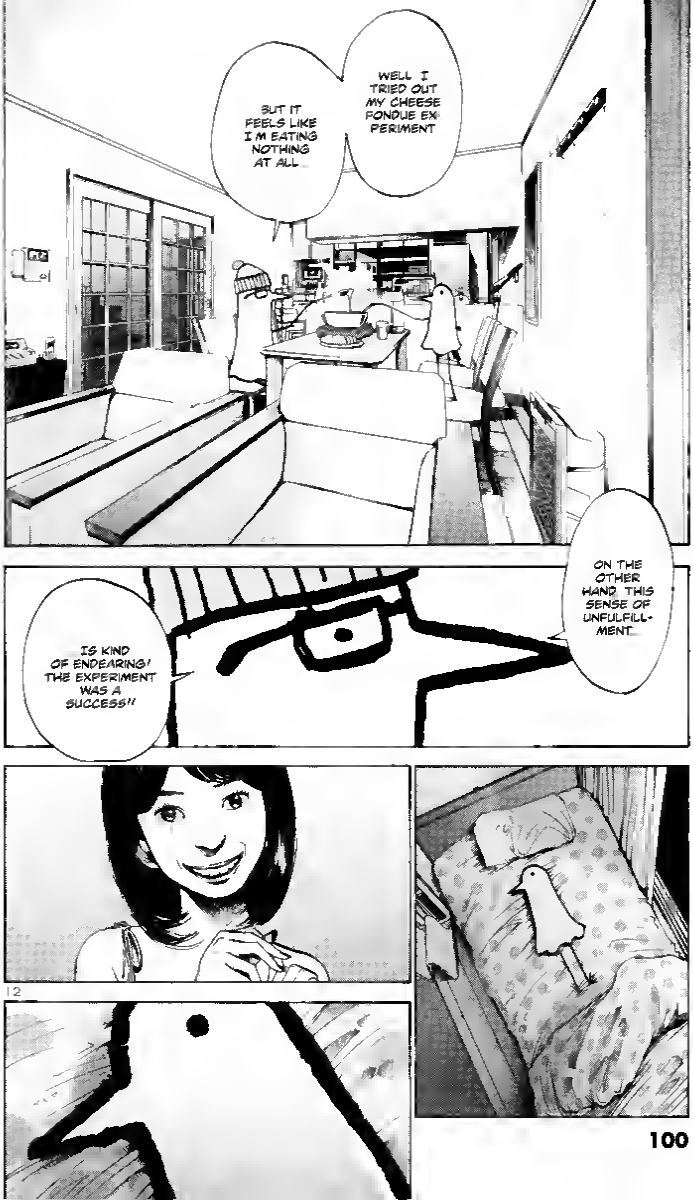




YOU WOULDN'T LIE, WOULD YOU, PUNPUN?!

PRE-EJACU-LATE!!
AL NUDO
ORGASM BEAM!!


PUNYAMA, PUNPUN PAPA
PUNPUN MAMA
PUNPUN
YUICHI ONODERA


WELL I TRIED OUT MY CHEESE FONDUE EXPERIMENT
BUT IT FEELS LIKE I'M EATING NOTHING AT ALL...
ON THE OTHER HAND THIS SENSE OF UNFULFILLMENT...
IS KIND OF ENDEARING! THE EXPERIMENT WAS A SUCCESS!!

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
she's opening her eyes
why you to look

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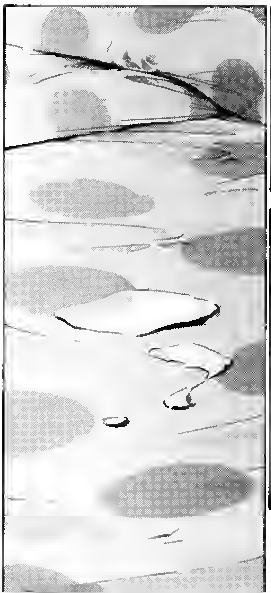

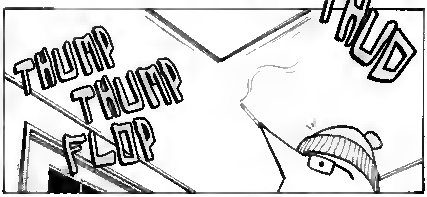

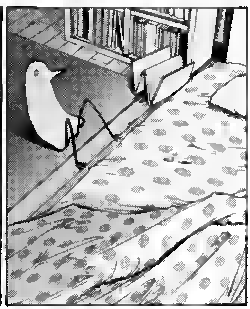

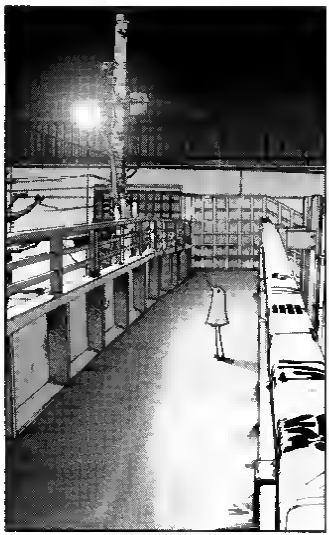

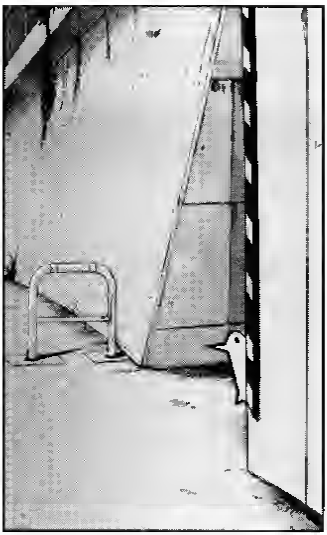

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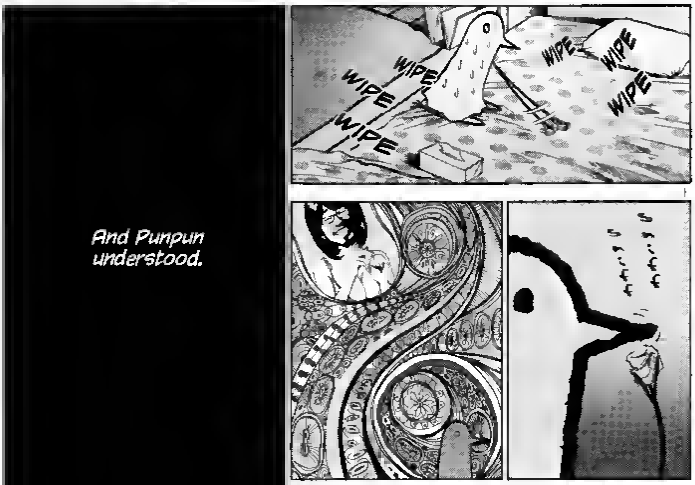

A piece of my brain

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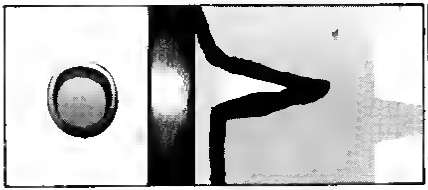
just shot out of my

weiner!

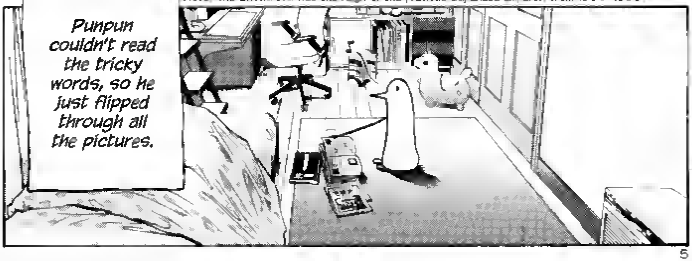


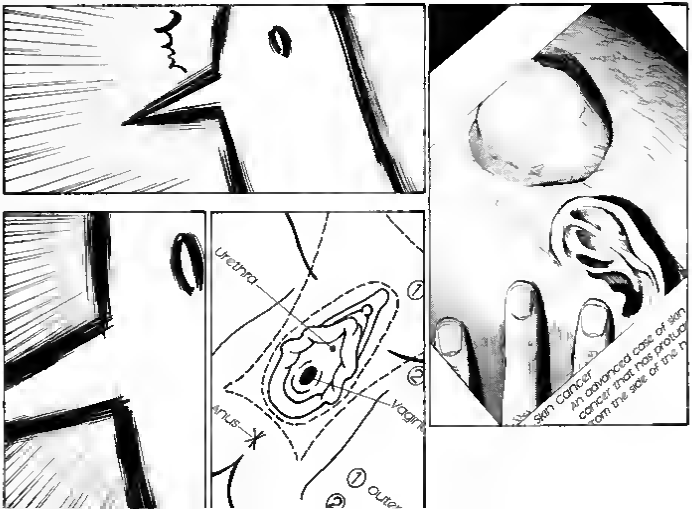
"Does a person die if their brain melts?"
Asked Punpun.

"Can your brain melt and shoot out of a funny place on your body?!"
Asked Punpun, bravely.
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING. BUT I SUPPOSE IT WOULD BE LETHAL.
THEIR BRAIN?
AHA
I SEE. I THINK I GET WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
DON'T WORRY, PUNPUN. YOU'LL BE FINE.

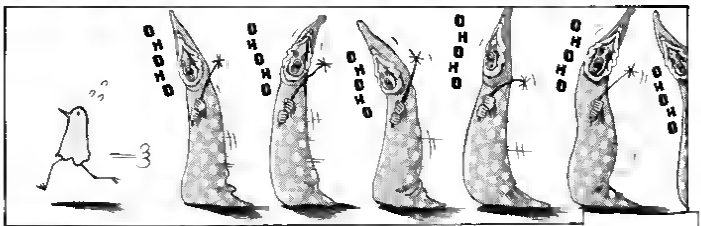
BUT YOU SEE PUNPUN
THERE ARE MANY THINGS IN THE WORLD THAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT YET
I CAN GIVE YOU SOME BOOKS, IF YOU'D LIKE TO BRUSH UP.

Note: The Showa Era was the reign of the previous Japanese emperor, from 1926–1989.





PREPARE TO MEET YOUR DOOOOM !!
FOOLISH EARTHLINGS!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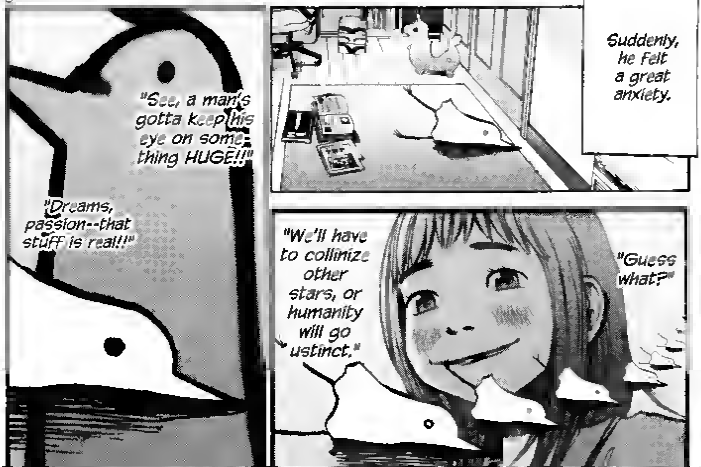
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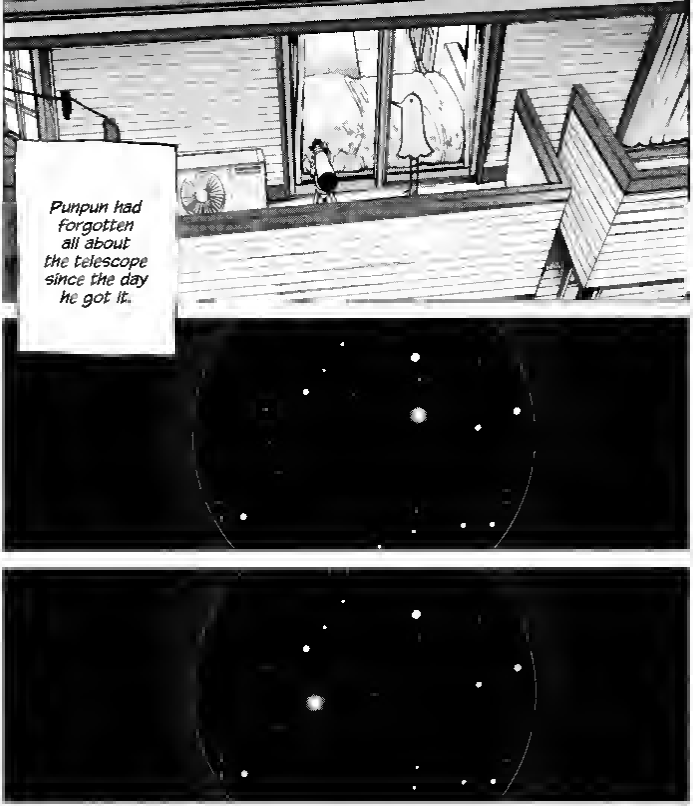
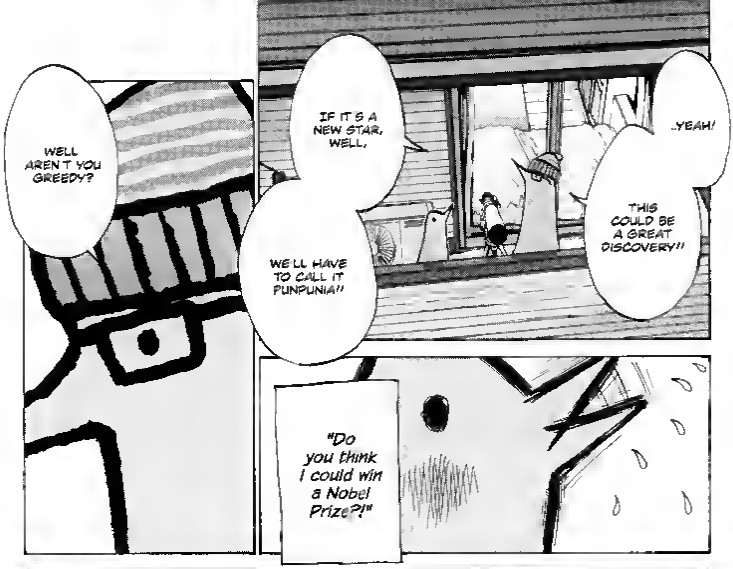
"See, a man's gotta keep his eye on something HUGE!!"
"Dreams, passion--that stuff is real!!"
Suddenly, he felt a great anxiety.
"We'll have to collinize other stars, or humanity will go extinct."
"Guess what?"

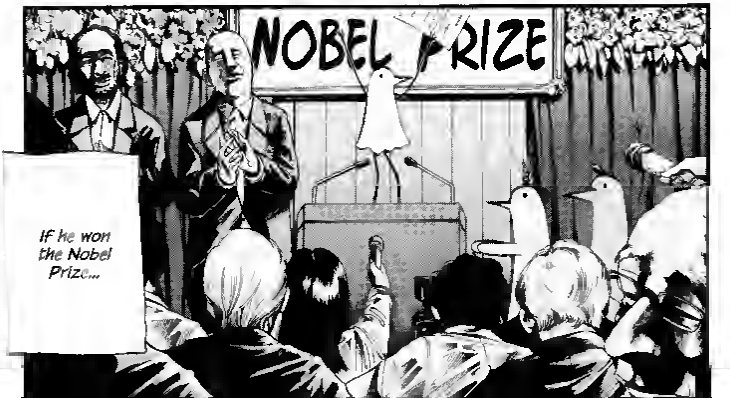

Punpun had forgotten all about the telescope since the day he got it.

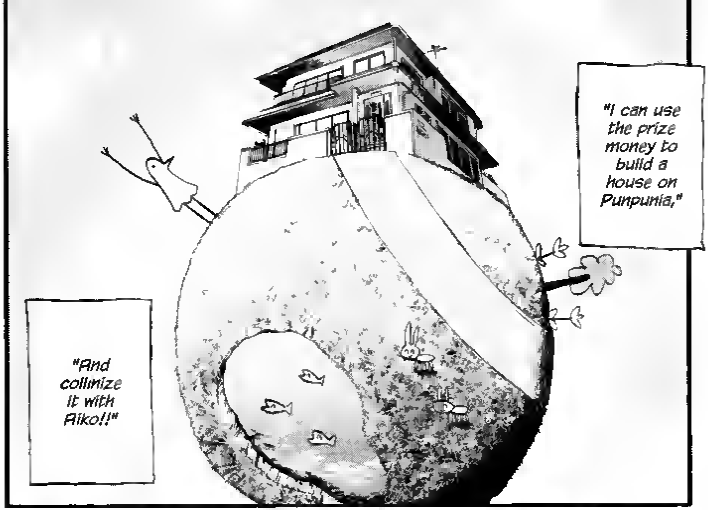
"That star just moved!!"

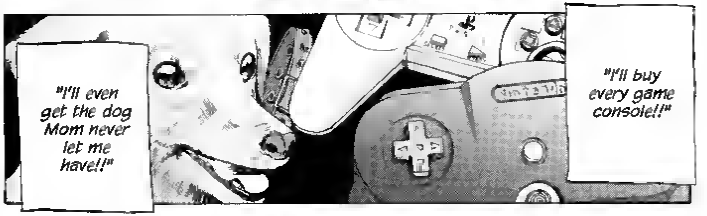
NOW WHAT COULD MAKE YOU SO EXCITED YOU'D START DROOLING PUNPUN?
...YOU SAW A MOVING STAR?
HMMM I DON'T SEE ANY SUCH THING...
EVEN FOR A KID, THIS LACK OF SELF-CONTROL IS APPALLING!!
IT WAS PROBABLY JUST A SAT-ELLITE...
"Could it be a new type of star I just discovered?!"

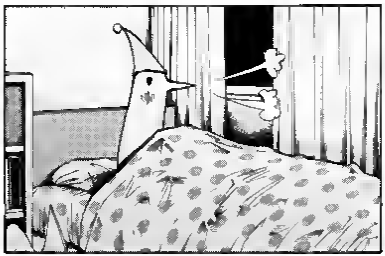

WELL AREN'T YOU GREEDY?
IF IT'S A NEW STAR, WELL,
WE'LL HAVE TO CALL IT PUNPUNIA!!
..YEAH!
THIS COULD BE A GREAT DISCOVERY!!
"Do you think I could win a Nobel Prize?!"

Punpun was positively ecstatic.



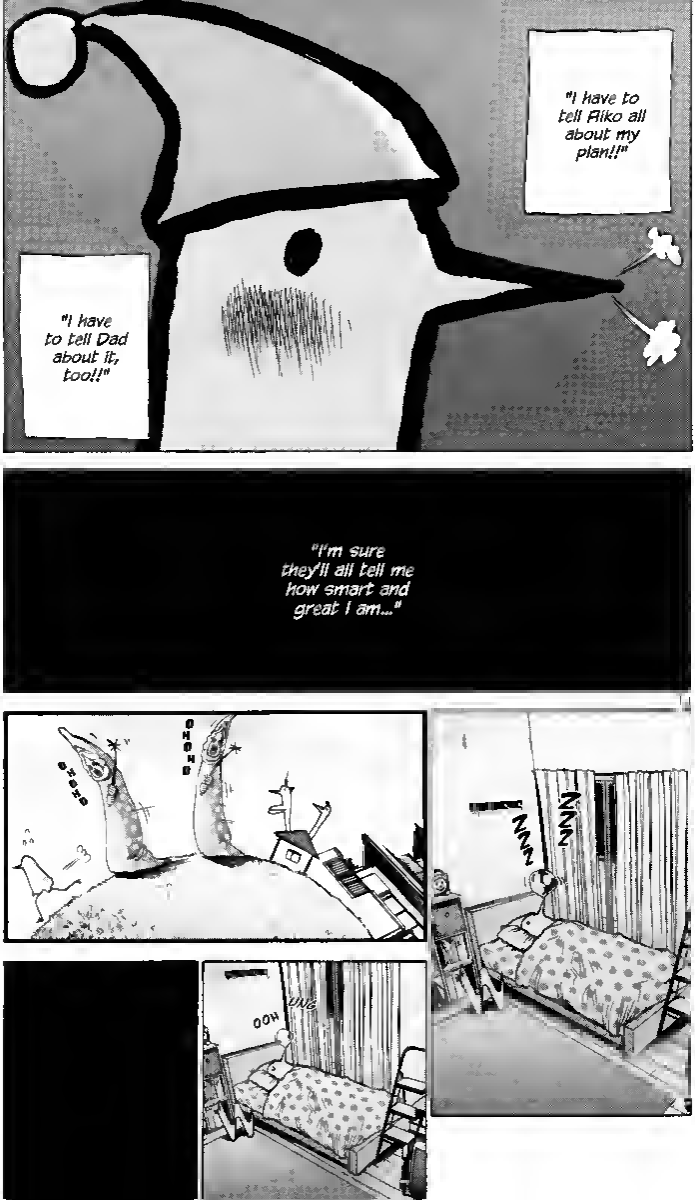

"I can use the prize money to build a house on Punpunia,"
"And collimize it with Aiko!!"


"I'll even get the dog Mom never let me have!!"
"I'll buy every game console!!"



"And if there's money left over, I'll make another house for Mom and Dad."

In his agitation Punpun forgot all about bedtime


"I have to tell Aiko all about my plan!!"
"I have to tell Dad about it, too!!"
"I'm sure they'll all tell me how smart and great I am..."
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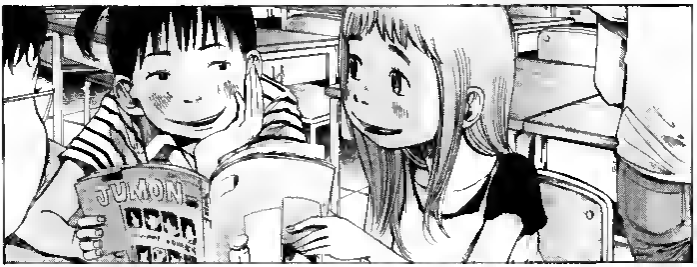
Takumi Shimura intervie
about his style
times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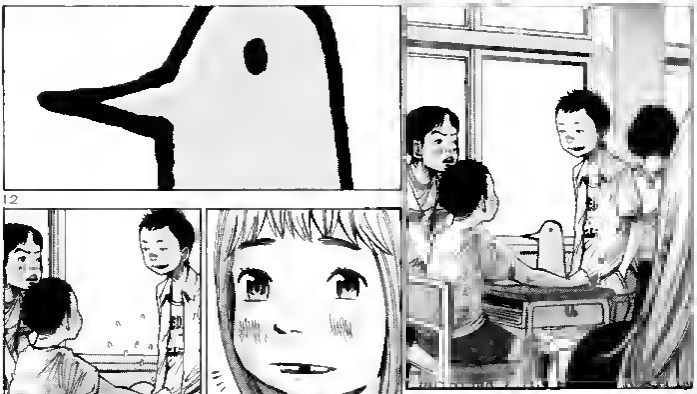
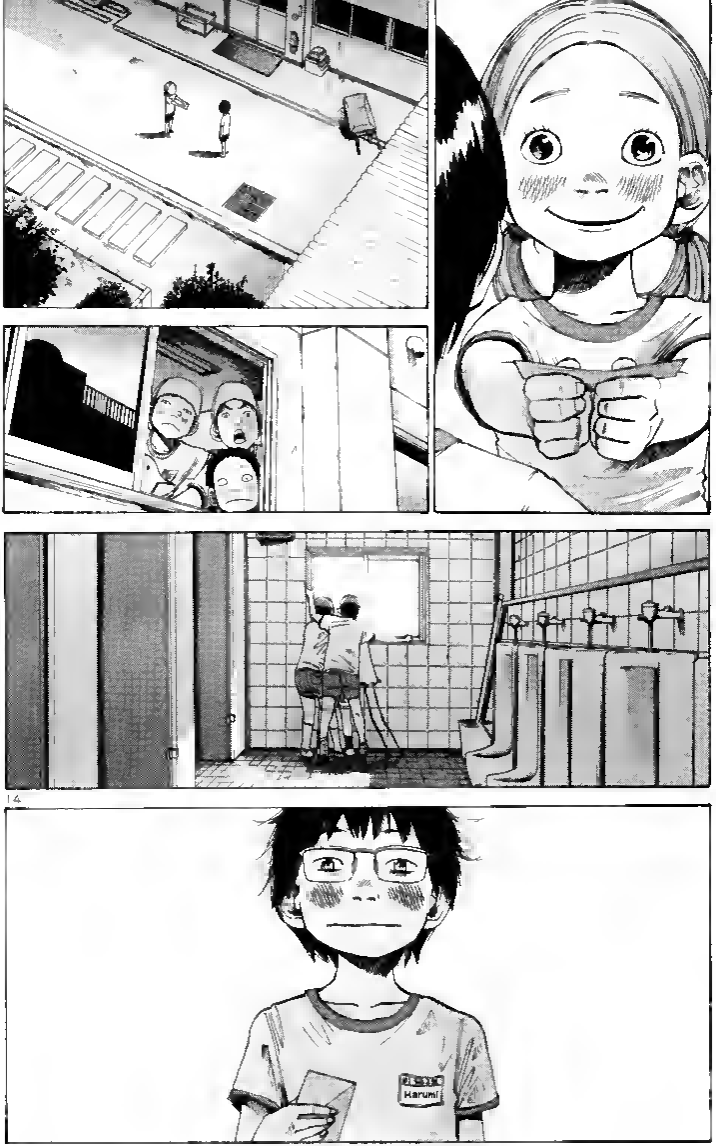


Punpun was finding it difficult to speak to Aiko.


Harumi

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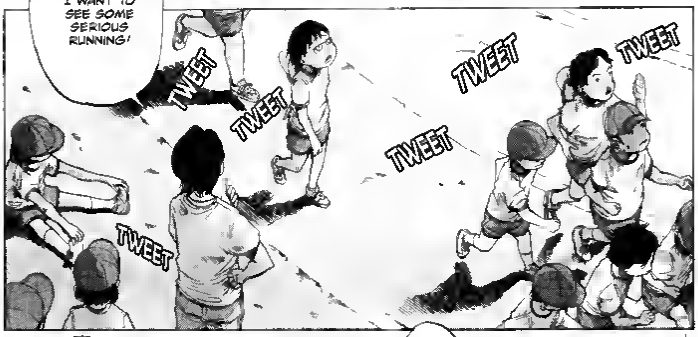
TWEET
HEY, HARUMI!
TWEET
TWEET
WHAT'S WITH THE LACK OF EFFORT?!
I WANT TO SEE SOME SERIOUS RUNNING!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HEY, GUYS.
DO YOU THINK SHE WAS HANDING HIM A LOVE LET TER?
DO YOU THINK THEY LL GO OUT?
OBVI- OUSLY.
PROBABLY I MEAN, THEY VE LIKED EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE
TWEET
IF YOU MAKE ME ANGRY, I LL BREAK YOUR LITTLE NECK SQUIRT!!
TWEET
TWEET

"If you like each other, you go out."
To Punpun's ears, this was such a radical, fresh, modern concept.

TWEET
All that ran through Punpun's head was something that Harumin told him once before.

"It's when a boy puts his thing in a girl's..."

TEEEECHURR!!

WHAT'S A GAME IN WHICH A BALL HANGS FROM A STICK, AND HAS TO GET INTO A HOLE?
HINT. YOU HAVE TO USE YOUR WAIST CAREFULLY
4
THE ANSWER WAS "BALL IN A CUP."
NURSE
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING OF?
When a boy and a girl love each other and go out, they have sex.
TWEET
TWEET
TWEET
TWEET
TWEET
DIS-GUST-ING

SHOCK
How does Aiko feel about me, then?
Punpun wondered furiously.
TWEET
TWEET
TWEET
TWEET
...WHAT, DID YOU FALL DOWN?
THIS IS JUST A SCRAPE
KIDS THESE DAYS! SO WEAK...
...HERE
I'LL DISINFECT IT FOR YOU.
I NEED TO LEAVE FOR A LITTLE BIT
TAKE A REST HERE AND GO BACK TO CLASS, HUN

CREAK...
NURSE
ZWOOOM

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I FELL ON PURPOSE
DO YOU KNOW WHY?
7
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
BECAUSE THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY FOR US TO GET TO GETHER
YOU'VE BEEN AVOIDING ME, PUNPUN
WHOOSH
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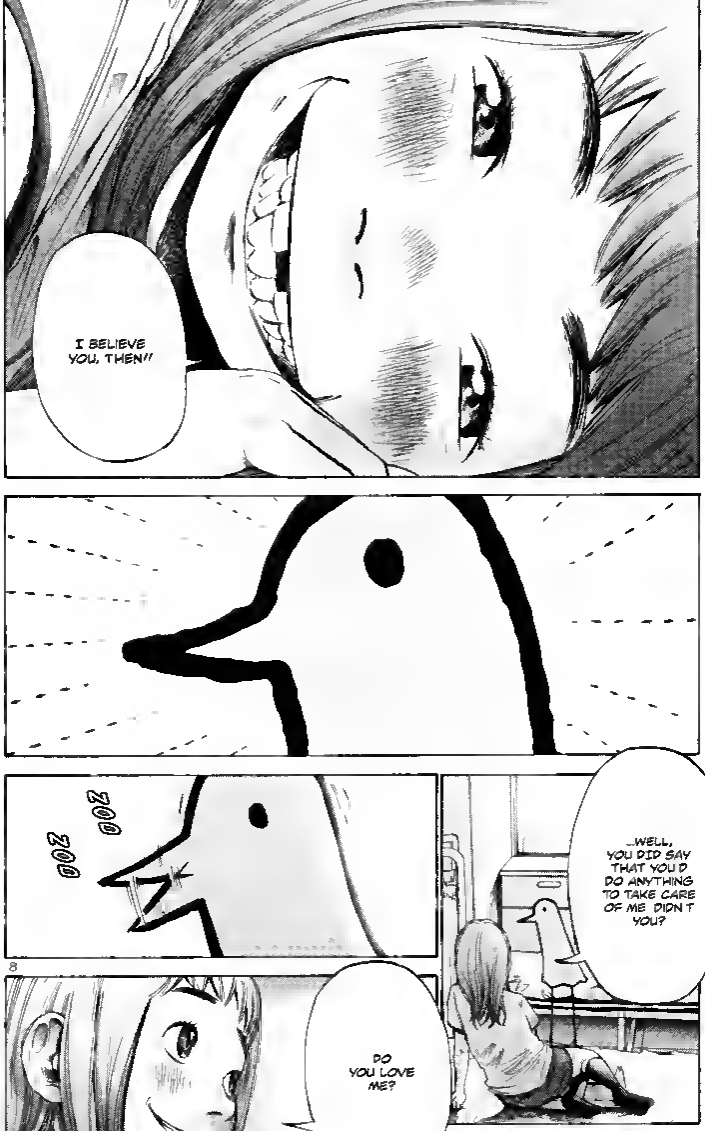
..YOU HAVEN'T?
...
HMMMM...


I BELIEVE YOU, THEN!!
COO
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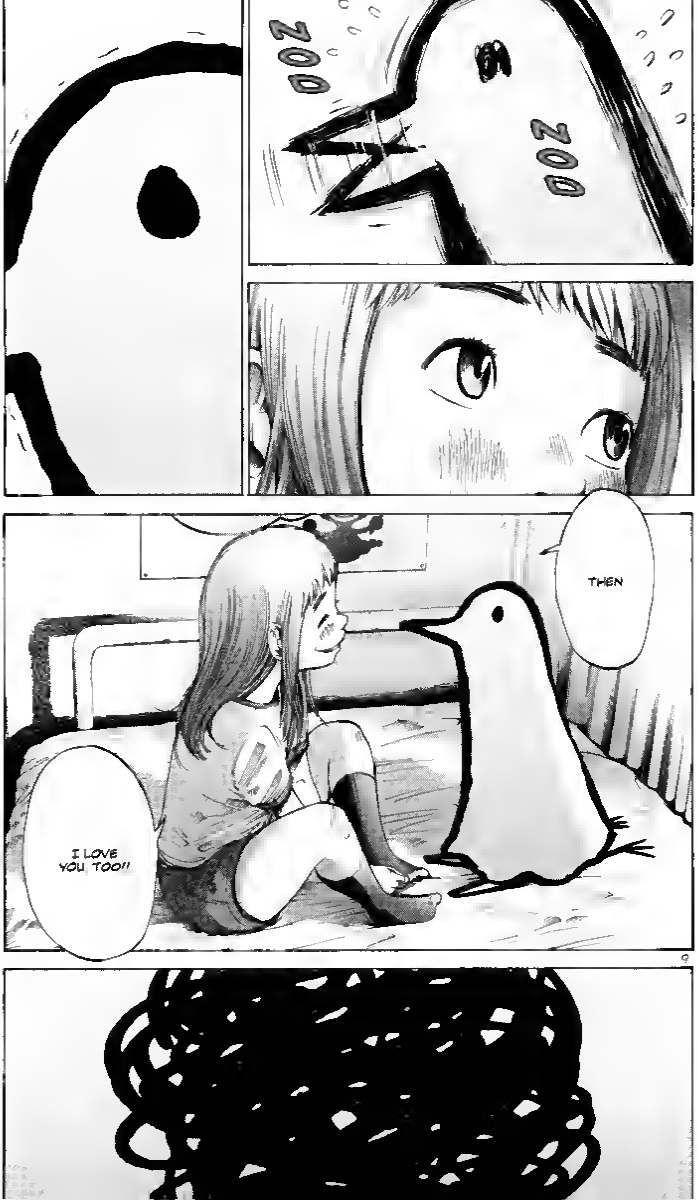
...WELL, YOU DID SAY THAT YOU'D DO ANYTHING TO TAKE CARE OF ME. DIDN'T YOU?
DO YOU LOVE ME?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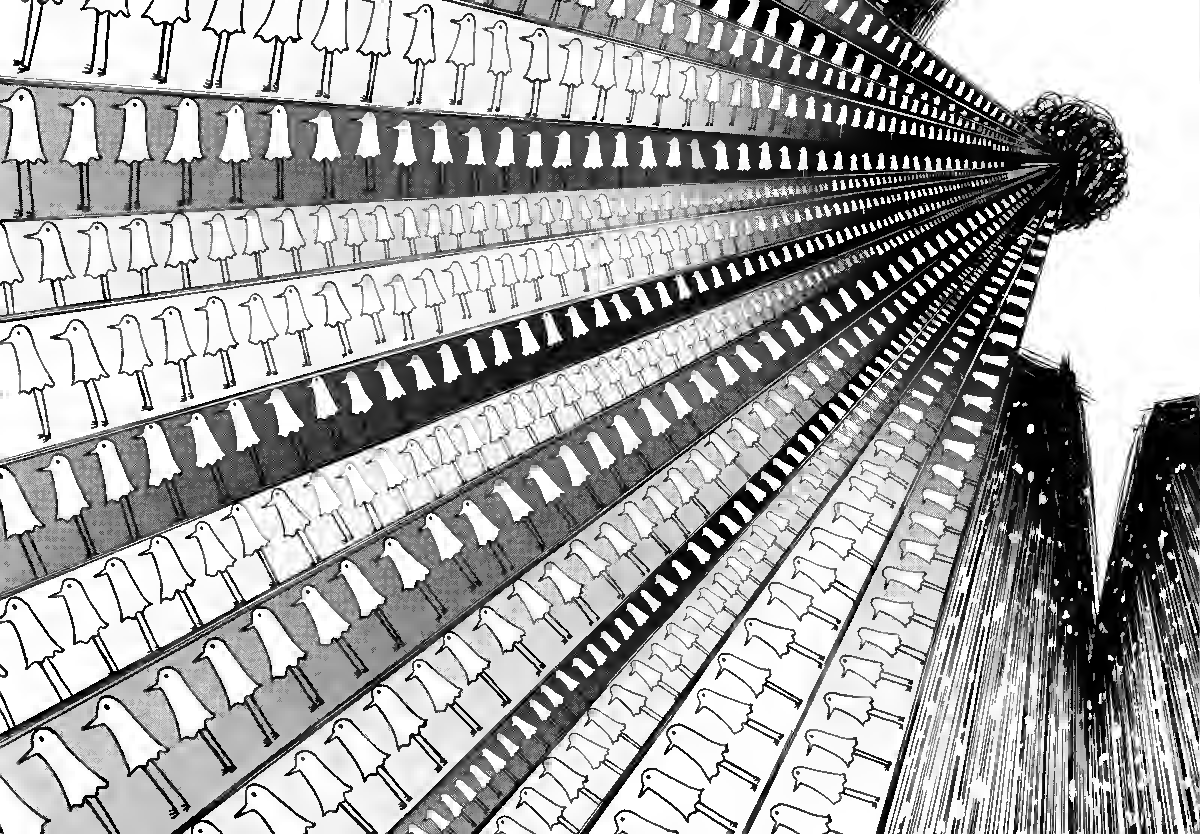
THEN
I LOVE YOU, TOO!!



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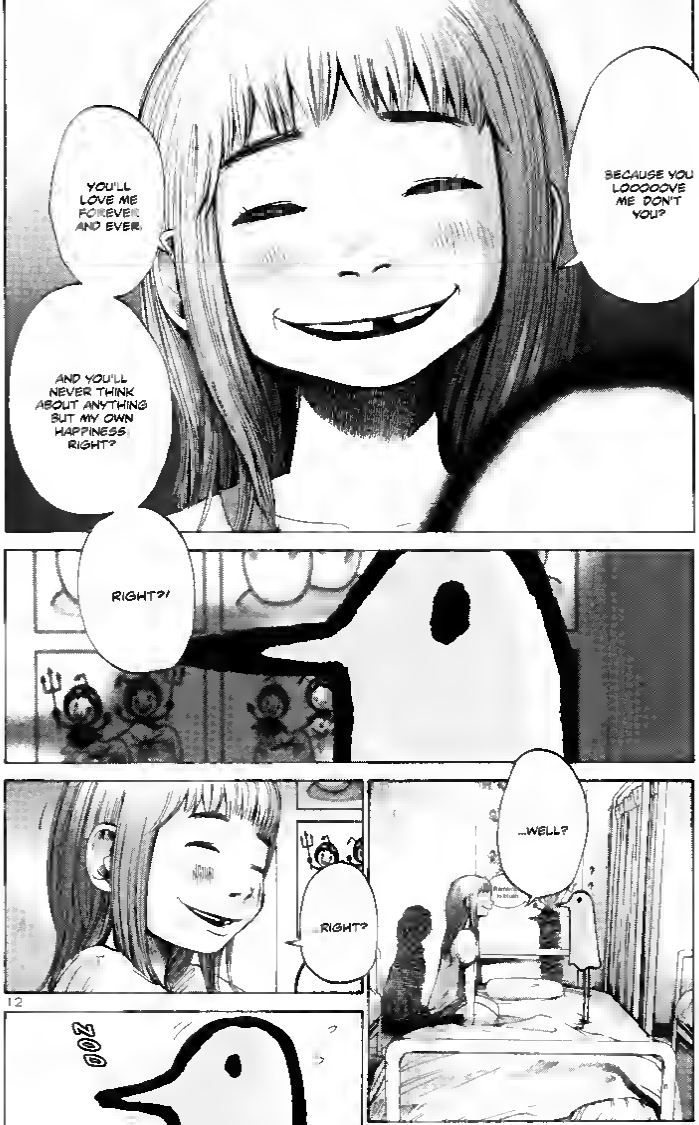
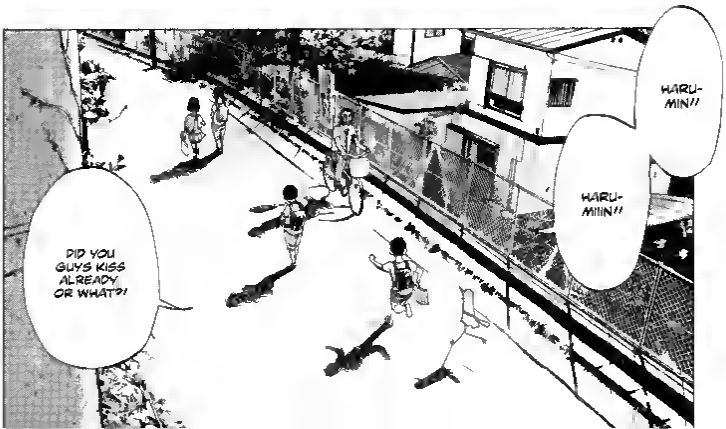
PUNPUN DID YOU KNOW THAT SONODA GAVE HARUMI A LOVE LETTER?
LOOK AT THE RAINBOW TEACHER!
THEY'RE GOING TO TOSHIMAEN PARK DURING SUMMER VACATION
*Toshimaen is a major theme park
THEY'RE SO LUCKY...
I DON'T NEED TO GO TO A THEME PARK.
BUT I DO WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE FAR, FAR AWAY...
I DON'T CARE WHAT OTHER PEOPLE DO!
I DON'T CARE IF EVERYONE DIES!
AS LONG AS YOU'RE STILL THERE!!
I'M NOT JEALOUS OF THEM.
...NOT ME


BECAUSE YOU LOOOOOVE ME DON'T YOU?
YOU'LL LOVE ME FOREVER AND EVER.
AND YOU'LL NEVER THINK ABOUT ANYTHING BUT MY OWN HAPPINESS, RIGHT?
RIGHT?!
...WELL?
RIGHT?
ZOO

Wondering just how long "forever and ever" meant to Aiko put Punpun into a truly indescribable state of mind.

Pumpun couldn't really put his feeling into words,
But for the sake of convenience, let's do it anyway.

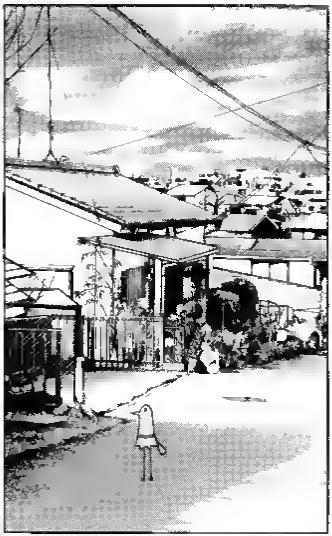
"Terrified."

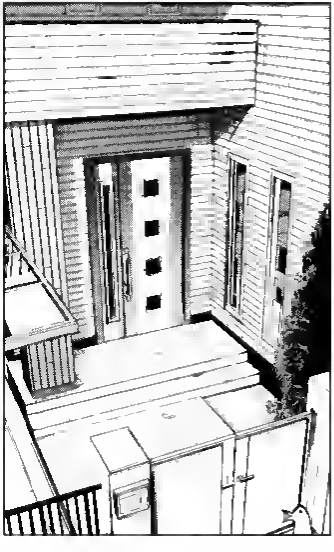

HARU-MIN!!
HARU-MIIN!!
DID YOU GUYS KISS ALREADY OR WHAT?!

SHE DUMPED ME.
AWWWWW
HOW COME?
SHE DIDN'T LIKE THAT EVERYONE FOUND OUT ABOUT IT
SHE DUMPED ME IN HALF A DAY. AND I DIDN'T EVEN DO A THING
SNIFF
SHE PLAYED WITH MY HEART WHAT DID SHE EVEN WANT FROM ME?
...GIRLS ARE SCARY...

SNERRT
Warning
TAP TAP
FRNNGH!!

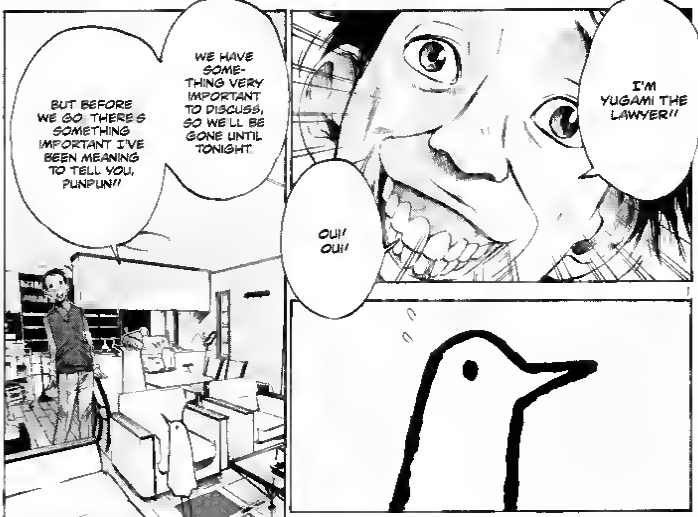
I DON'T CARE ABOUT GIRLS ANYMORE!!
I'M A PFS MAN FOR LIFE!!
AWWW
...SO ARE YOU GUYS
PEE EFF ESS!
P...
Totally Uncensored
LIL' CHUBSTER
a back as wide as the horizon.
Pissing on their little piggy tail faces!!
make this piggy squeal.



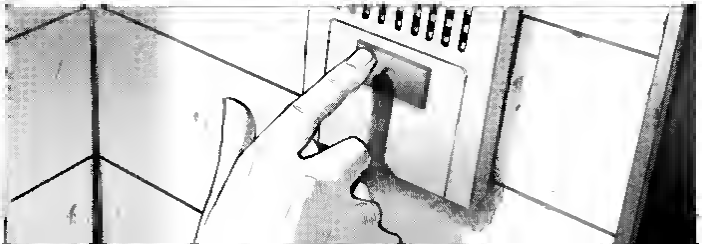


CHAPTER 8

ERR, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE TO YOU
THE LAWYER WHO'S GOING TO BE TAKING CARE OF SOME STUFF FOR US...

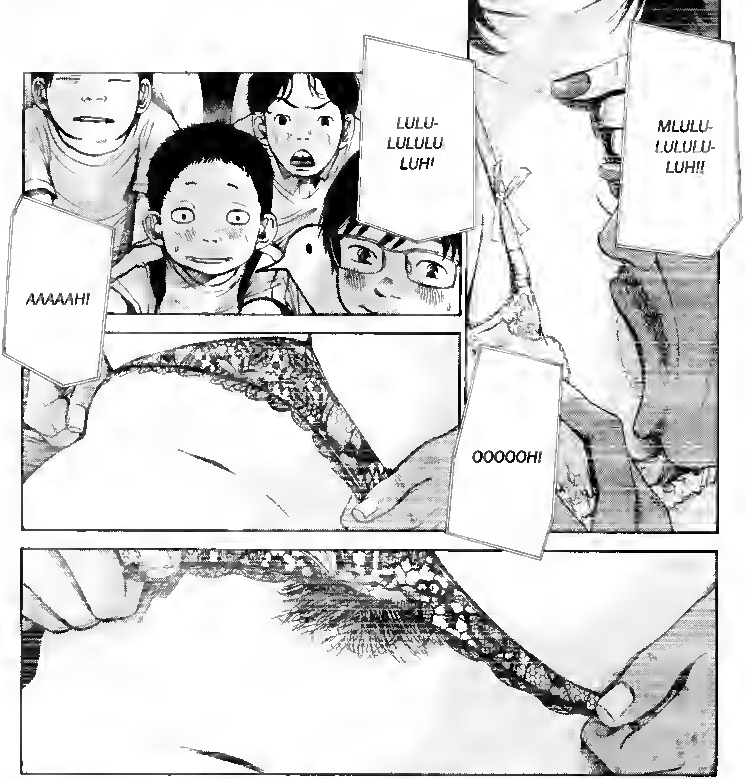

I'M YUGAMI THE LAWYER!!
OUI! OUI!
WE HAVE SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS, SO WE'LL BE GONE UNTIL TONIGHT.
BUT BEFORE WE GO, THERE'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TELL YOU, PUNPUN!!

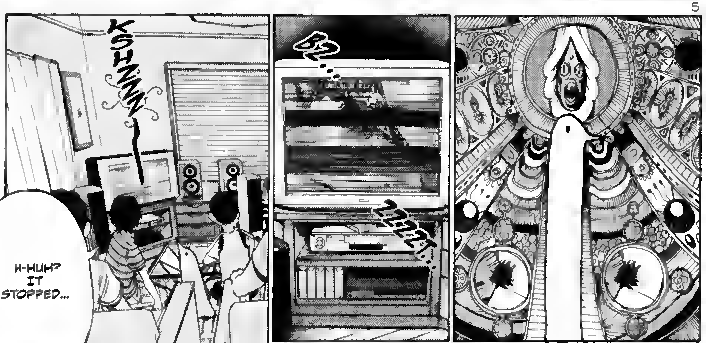
BAM
DOW
LIFE IS A GAMBLE YOU CAN GET HURT...
BUT FLOAT LIKE A BUTTERFLY, STING LIKE A BEE!! -MUHAMMAD ALI
THERE'S A CHOCO PIE IN THE KITCHEN, IF YOU WANT IT
HA HA HA
OU!
OU!



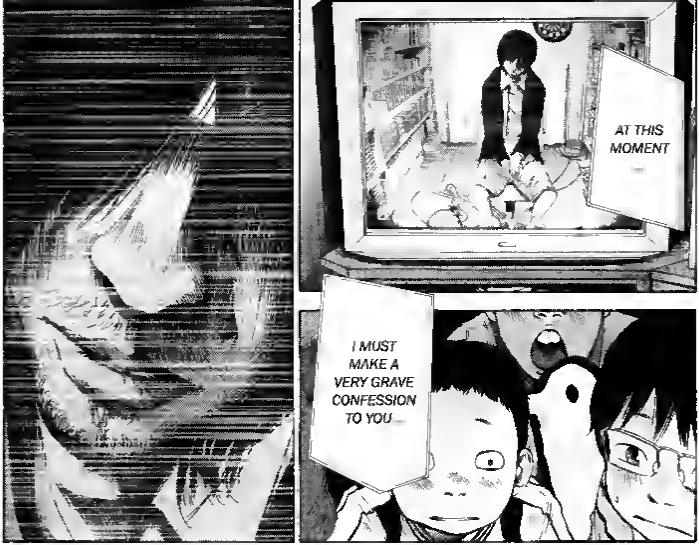
Totally Uncensored
LIL' CHUBSTER
WHAP
CLICK
Totally Uncensored LIL' CHUBSTER

OOOH, YOU'RE SO CUTE. YOU LOOK JUST LIKE A DOLL.
HOW OLD ARE YOU, SWEET HEART?
18 HEEHEE! ♡
4
YOUR TITTIES ARE HUGE, GIRL! WHAT CUP?
HEE-HEE! ♡
I'M A G-CUP.


LULU-LULULU LUH!
MLULU-LULULU-LUH!!
AAAAAH!
OOOOOH!


KSHZZZ~!
H-HUH? IT STOPPED...

POP
06:15:54
07/12
!!
...YOU THERE... LITTLE BOY WITH THE REMOTE CONTROL...
DON'T PRESS FAST FORWARD JUST HEAR ME OUT...
IT IS NOT MERE COINCIDENCE THAT YOU PICKED UP THIS TAPE...
IT IS FATE. YOU HAVE A DUTY TO WATCH THIS UNTIL THE END


AT THIS MOMENT...
I MUST MAKE A VERY GRAVE CONFESSION TO YOU...

I HAVE JUST...
KILLED MY ENTIRE FAMILY.
IT'S NOT THAT I HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH MY FAMILY LIFE...
IN FACT, I THINK I COULD SAY THAT I'M GRATEFUL TO THEM...

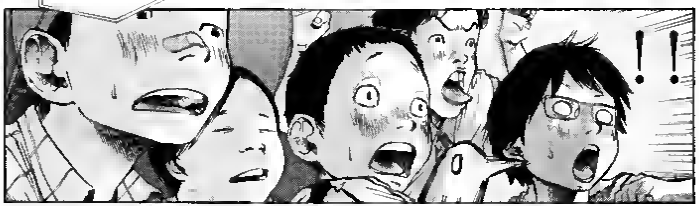
MY FATHER DEVOTED THE MAJORITY OF HIS LIFE TO WORK, AND MY MOTHER TO THE EDUCATION AND UPBRINGING OF HER CHIL DREN.
MY SISTER IS MARRYING A PUBLIC SERVANT NEXT MONTH
BUT I WANT YOU TO THINK HARD
IT LOOKS LIKE A PERFECT, HAPPY HOUSE HOLD, BUT THAT'S JUST A FRONT.
SICKNESS, ACCIDENTS, DISASTERS, BETRAYAL...
ONLY GOD CAN TELL YOU WHEN YOU'LL PICK A CARD OF MISFORTUNE.
IN HIS RETIREMENT YEAR, MY FATHER TOLD ME,
"NOW I'LL ENJOY MY SECOND LIFE."
IT WAS AFTERWARD THAT HE LEARNED HE HAD CANCER
FIGHTING TO HOLD ON TO A SMALL KERNEL OF HOPE AND FORTUNE THAT CAN BUCK YOU OFF AT ANY MOMENT— CAN YOU REALLY CALL THAT HAPPINESS?

I COULDN'T STAND TO SEE IT ANY-MORE...
EVERY THING BECAME SO SAD TO ME...
...SO I KILLED THEM.
I WANT TO SAY...
...IT WAS THE RELEASE OF THEIR SOULS.
THAT MY ACTIONS WERE A FORM OF LOVE
...BUT...
...BUT STILL...

DID I MAKE A MISTAKE?
IS THIS JUST GUILT...?
IN MY DREAMS
STARING AT ME WITH SUCH SADNESS.
MY FATHER COMES TO ME EVERY NIGHT...
I MUST DO SOMETHING.
I MUST EXPRESS MYSELF THROUGH DANCE.
...I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
I-DON'T UNDER-STAND, HEY! I-DON'T UN-DER-STAND!
...THREE, FOUR!!
I-DON'T-UNDER-STAND! I DON'T-UNDER-STAND!

I-DON'T UN-DER-STAND, HEY! I DON'T UN DER STAND!
I-DON'T-UN DER-STAND! I DON'T-UN DER-STAND!

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO DANCE ALONG WITH ME!!
...NO, DAMN IT!!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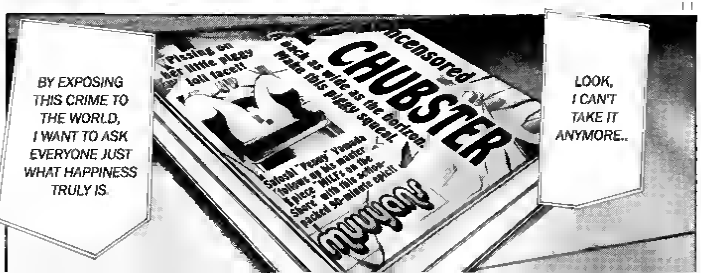
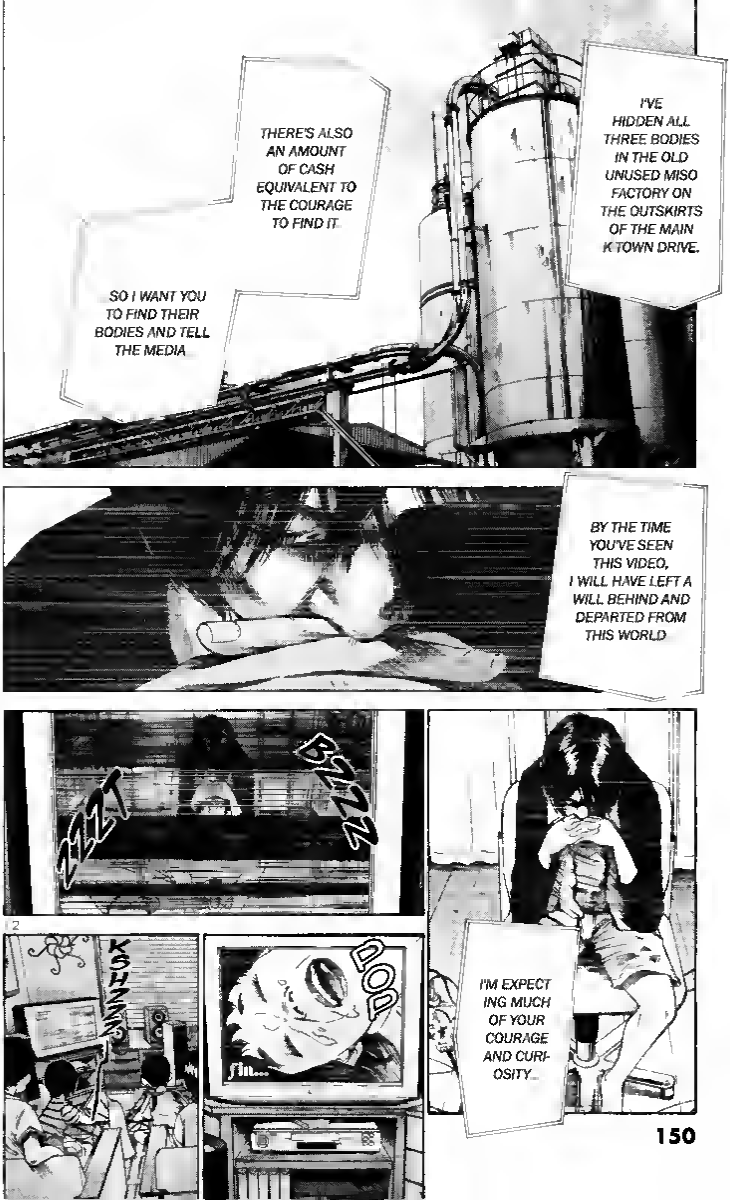
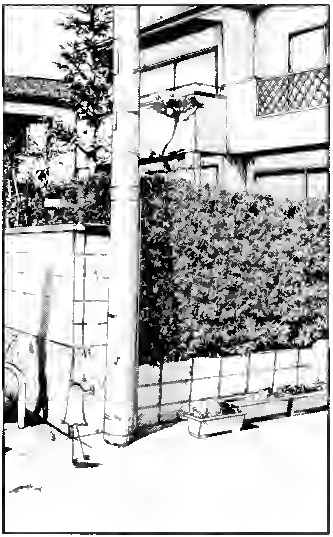

BY EXPOSING THIS CRIME TO THE WORLD, I WANT TO ASK EVERYONE JUST WHAT HAPPINESS TRULY IS.
Uncensored!
CHUBSTER
Pissing on her little piggy tail faced!
Sweat! Teary Female Torture of an erotic nature with this white T-shirt and this white jacket! Fucked up-middle open!
LOOK, I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE..


I'VE HIDDEN ALL THREE BODIES IN THE OLD UNUSED MISO FACTORY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE MAIN K-TOWN DRIVE.
THERE'S ALSO AN AMOUNT OF CASH EQUIVALENT TO THE COURAGE TO FIND IT.
SO I WANT YOU TO FIND THEIR BODIES AND TELL THE MEDIA.
BY THE TIME YOU'VE SEEN THIS VIDEO, I WILL HAVE LEFT A WILL BEHIND AND DEPARTED FROM THIS WORLD.
ZZZT
BZZZ
I'M EXPECTING MUCH OF YOUR COURAGE AND CURIOSITY...
KSHHH
DOD
Hh...

AWWW, MAN!! IT WAS A PRANK!!
...I MEAN WHY WOULD THAT VIDEO JUST BE LYING IN THE STREET ANYWAY?
GOD-DAMNIT
I NEED TO GO HIT SHIMIZU OR SOMETHING
DAMMIT, WE GOT PLAYED LIKE FOOLS!!
...HMMM
MAYBE WE SHOULD BE GOING..

NO NO IT'S COOL KEEP THEM.

I'M HOME.
WHAT'S UP? YOU LOOK REALLY OUT OF IT.
WELL, GUESS WHAT? I RENTED INDEPENDENCE DAY FROM THE STORE!
VIDEO-HELL
LET'S WATCH IT AND HAVE A LAUGH!!
14
HUH? WHAT'S WITH THAT FUNKY DANCE?
ALL CRUISER
M-O-W-W-W!!
I-don't-un-der-STAND!
♪ I-don't-un-der-stand, HEY!
I-don't-un-der-STAND! I-don't-un-der-STAND! ♪



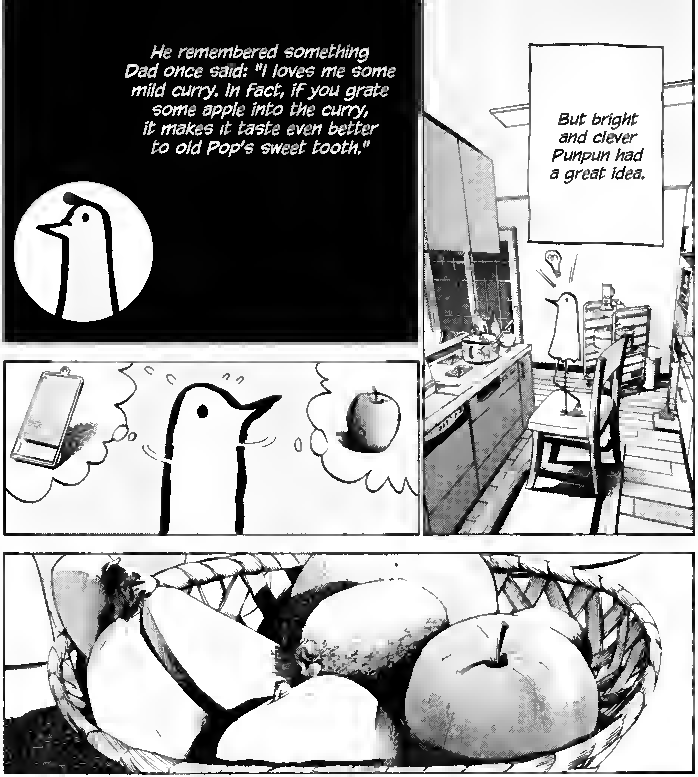
CHAPTER 9
WELCOME HOME PUNPUN
I WASN'T SURE WHETHER TO MAKE THE CURRY MILD OR MEDIUM
DO YOU LIKE YOUR CURRY A LITTLE SPICY, PUNPUN?
DING-
DONGGGG
WHAT'S THAAAAT?!
YOU LIKE YOUR CURRY SUPER SPICY?!
WHY, YOU PRECOCIOUS LITTLE RASCAL!

...SO YOU SEE, WE TRAVEL FROM DOOR TO DOOR SELLING THESE PRODUCTS.
HOPING TO BENEFIT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF EVERYONE IN OUR COMMU-NITY
Shirt: Mr. Cosmo
HMM. I SEE...
OH, NO
WE'RE NOT SOME KIND OF DANGEROUS CULT
2
SO,
I TAKE IT THAT THING PRINTED ON YOUR SHIRT IS YOUR GOD?
IN FACT, WE THINK THAT SORT OF MISTRUST AND SUSPICION IS PROOF THAT EVEN YOU ARE SUFFERING FROM ILL HEALTH
COSMO HEALTH CENTER
EXCUSE ME?

THERE, YOU SEE? AN UNHEALTHY PERSON SMILES LESS
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SMILES IN YOUR LIFE, YOUR HAPPINESS WILL FADE AWAY!
ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT I'M UNHAPPY?
I'M SORRY IF I PREFER NOT TO PLASTER A FAKE SMILE ON MY FACE LIKE YOU
...PARDON MY ASKING...
BUT WHAT ARE YOU COOKING FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
...THAT WOULD BE CURRY...
IN THAT CASE-!!
IF YOU USE THIS WATER, NOT ONLY WILL YOUR DISH BE HEALTHIER FOR YOU, IT WILL ALSO TASTE BETTER!!
OH, REALLY?

THAT'S FAR FROM CHEAP!!
A 15 LITER BOTTLE IS 5 000 YEN.
BUT WE RE OFFERING A GREAT CHEAP 10-PACK DEAL THAT WOULD MAKE EACH BOTTLE AROUND 3,800 YEN
Bottles Space Cosmo Water
NO, NO, NO!!
NOT WHEN YOU CONSIDER WHAT YOU'RE GETTING!!
EACH BOTTLE IS SIMPLY PACKED WITH THE MASTER'S POWER...
4
WHAT- WHAT- WHAAAT?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "POWER"?! WHAT THE HELL IS "THE MASTER'S POWER"?!

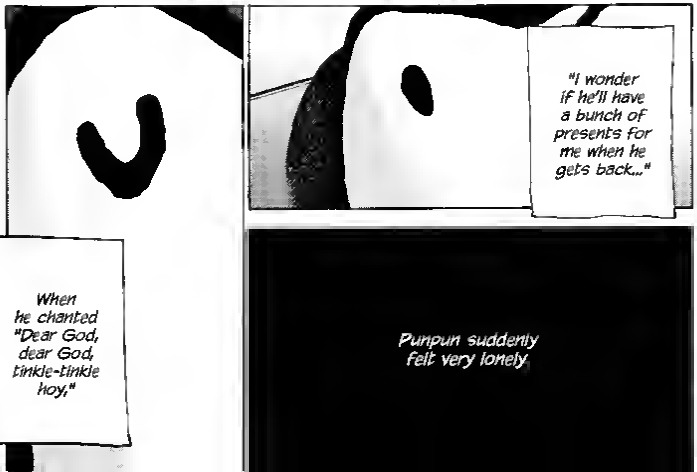
To be honest,
Punpun wasn't a fan
of spicy foods,
but he wanted to make
Uncle Yuichi happy.


He remembered something Dad once said: "I loves me some mild curry. In fact, if you grate some apple into the curry, it makes it taste even better to old Pop's sweet tooth."
But bright and clever Punpun had a great idea.

THWOMP

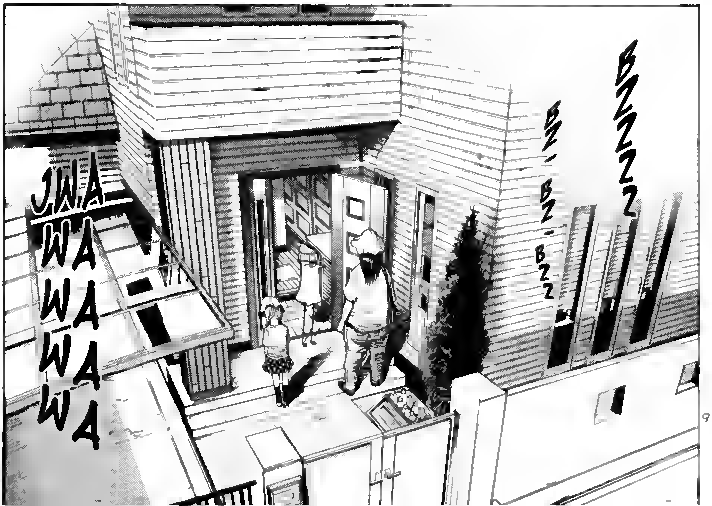
But Punpun knew that if he didn't come home soon, the Japan Series would be over.
Uncle Yuichi said he was just "going on a business trip."

Note: The Japan Series is the Japanese baseball championship.



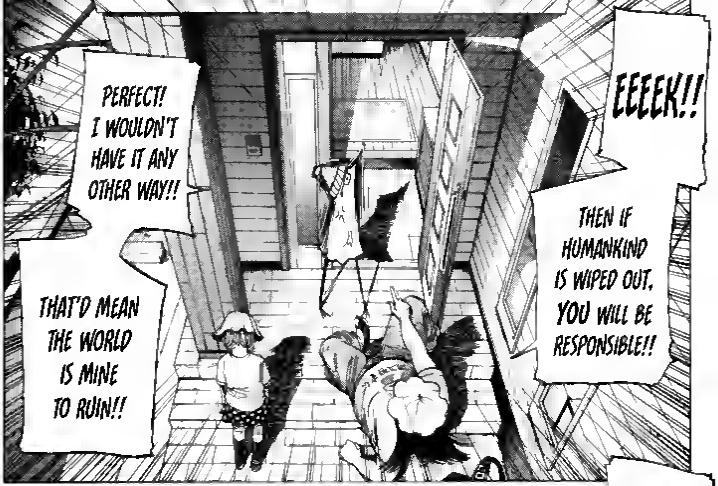
God would appear.
It was a magic spell that Uncle Yuichi had taught him.
HOWDY-HO, PUNPUN. WHAT'S THE WORD?
WE DON'T ANSWER THAT KIND OF QUESTION AT THIS COMPANY.
"Will Dad be back before the Japan Series?" Punpun asked.
"Cheapskate!" Punpun fumed.

"Where's the thingy to grate apples?" Punpun blurted at random.
YOU SHOULD ASK UNCLE YUICHI!
"Good idea!!"
BUT WE GLADLY ACCEPT ALL OTHERS !!


JWA WA WA WA WA
BZZZZ
BZ- BZ- BZZ

LOOK, JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR ON THIS,
I DON'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH RELIGION PER SE
IF YOU WANT TO BELIEVE IN YOUR GOD AND LEARN HIS TEACHINGS FINE!!
WHAT I DON'T LIKE IS HOW YOU TRY TO FORCE IT ONTO OTHER PEOPLE!!
P PLEASE SIR, SETTLE DOWN...
SHUT UP, DAMN YOU!!
EEEEK!!
IF YOU'LL JUST COMPARE THE TASTE OF THIS WATER TO YOUR TAP WATER...
WHAT IT ALL COMES DOWN TO IS, YOU'RE JUST ANXIOUS!!
YOU'RE A LONELY PERSON!!

I'D DESTROY ANOTHER HUMAN BEING'S LIFE, IF I HAD TO!!
BUT NOT ME!!
THAT'S KARMA FOR YOU! HUMANS ARE MESSED UP CREATURES, YOU KNOW THAT?!
I KNOW HOW TO SURVIVE ON MY OWN!!
IT IS PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO CAUSE THE WORLD TO OVERFLOW WITH SUFFERING...
SNIFF...
SNIFF...
PITTA PITTA PITTA PITTA PITTA
EVERY THREE SECONDS, A CHILD IS STARVING TO DEATH SOMEWHERE ON THE GLOBE...
THE PLANET'S ECOSYSTEM IS ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE...
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!!
I'M JUST A HORRIBLE MACHINE, MASS-PRODUCING SHIT AND WASTE!!


EEEEK!!
PERFECT! I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!!
THEN IF HUMANKIND IS WIPED OUT, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE!!
THAT'D MEAN THE WORLD IS MINE TO RUIN!!

Note: Possible reference to *The World Is Mine* by Hideki Arai (read it at KEPLorg)

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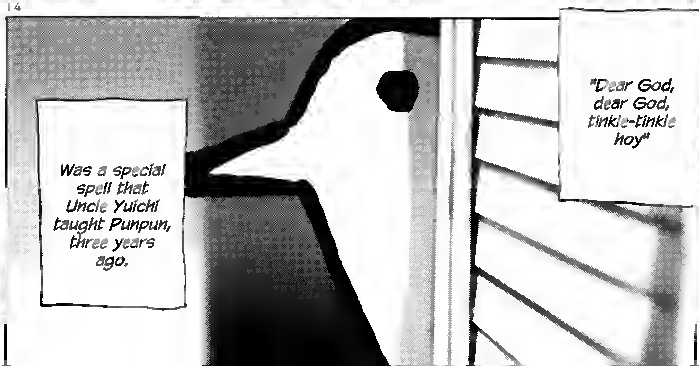
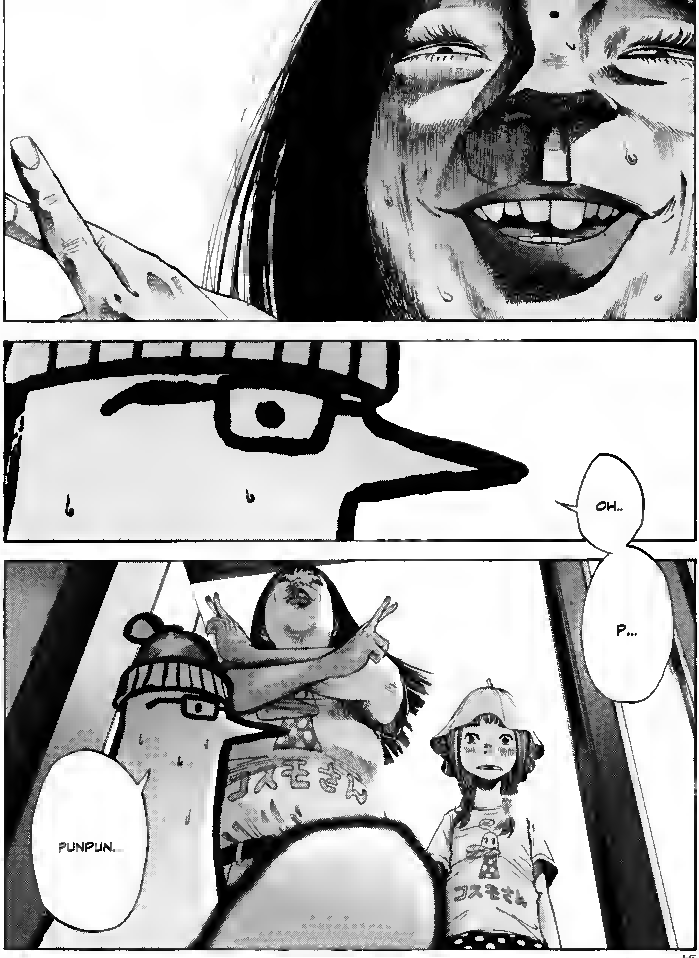
THAT STUPID THING WITH THE HUGE BEAK IS YOUR GOD, AFTER ALL!!
AHA! I KNEW IT!
SHKK SHKK
SHKK
YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED! THE POOR GIRL IS DISGUSTED WITH YOU!!

FINE, THEN!!
FIVE MINUTES!!
NO, THREE MINUTES IS ALL I NEED! JUST LET ME PRAY FOR YOUR HAPPINESS!!
ABSO-LUTELY NOT!!
DON'T YOU DARE DO ANYTHING OF THE SORT!!
PITTA PITTA PITTA PITTA
SEY!!
SEY!!
SEY!!
NO, DAMMIT!! NO! STOP DOING THAT!!
ALL RIGHT. YOU ASKED FOR IT! I WASN'T GOING TO SAY THIS.
POINK
BUT YOU'VE PUSHED ME OVER THE EDGE...

THERE IS NO GOD!!


"Dear God, dear God, tinkle-tinkle hoy"
Was a special spell that Uncle Yuichi taught Punpun, three years ago.


OH..
P...
PUNPUN..

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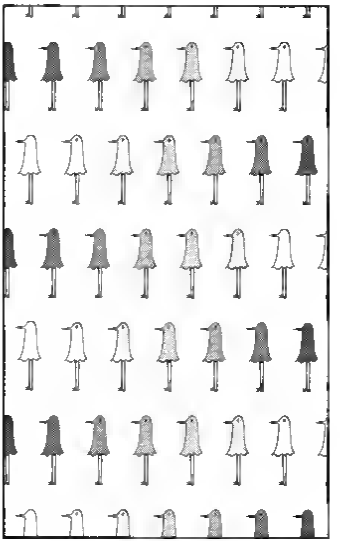
"It's Aiko!!"



CHAPTER 10
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ
BZZZZ
AIKO ?!
DMP
DMP
DMP
DMP
PUN-PUN?!
PITTA PITTA PITTA PITT

Punpun ran after her at full speed,
a rare sight in this day and age.

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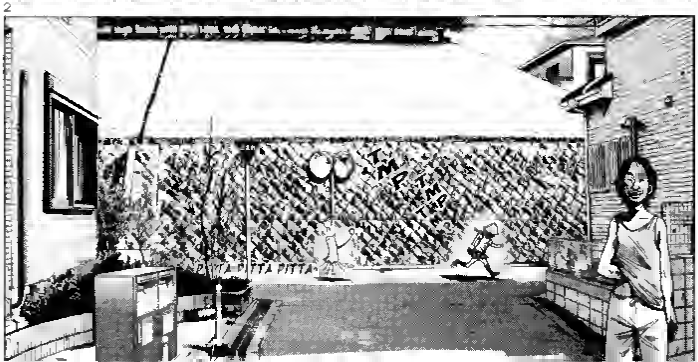
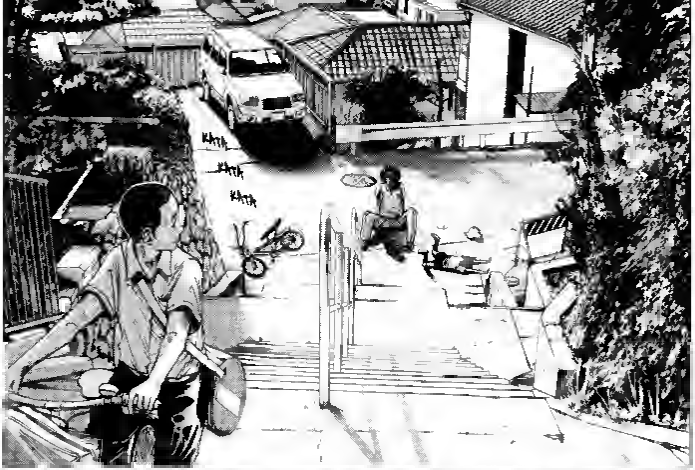


PITTA
PITTA
PITTA
PITTA
Whether he could figure out why he was chasing with such determination or not, he still ran at full speed.

Punpun was not good at running.
TAP TAP TAP
TAP TAP TAP

BOOM
GLOW GLOW
KASA KASA
KATA KATA KATA


KATCH
KATCH
KATCH

"Aiko!!"
I KNOWS A LOTTA LAWYAS! YOU CAN'T SUE ME YOU'D LOSE!
DAT AIN'T MY FAULT YO!
YOU RAN INNA ME!

YOU LIED!!

"Do you go home this way?"
"Want to walk together?"
YOU LIED
..YOU SAID YOUR HOUSE..
..WAS IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION, WHEN WE WALKED HOME THAT ONE TIME...

...HEY
SHOVE
WHY DID YOU DO THAT...?
SHOVE
HEY!!
SAY SOME-THING!
WHY DID YOU LIE TO ME...?
SHOVE
ANSWER ME, SQUIRT!!
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ

I DIDN'T WANT..
ANYONE IN THE CLASS TO FIND OUT ABOUT IT...
I THOUGHT AFTER THIS TRANSFER
I WOULD FINALLY HAVE A CLEAN SLATE TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE..
7
..I BET I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GONNA SAY NOW PUNPUN..
YOU'RE GONNA SAY SHE'S A REAL WEIRDO..
HER FAMILY'S CRAZY JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS SAID...
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE

I'M NOT GONNA BELIEVE YOU ANYMORE

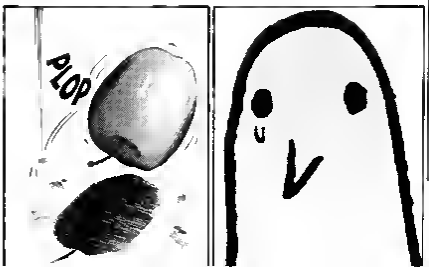
I CAN'T TAKE IT...
I HATE THIS...
BYE BYE

I WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY...
SO FAR THAT NOBODY KNOWS WHERE I AM...
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?

I'M GOING TO MY UNCLE'S HOUSE IN KAGOSHIMA.
KAGOSHIMA'S REALLY FAR AWAY.
DO YOU THINK I CAN WALK THERE?
MY UNCLE'S A DOCTOR AND HE'S RICH AND DOESN'T BELIEVE IN ANY STUPID GODS SO HE'LL HELP ME
I'M KIDDING
I'M JUST GOING HOME LIKE USUAL.

"I'm gonna win the Nobel Prize, and then we can collinize Punpunia!!" Punpun blurted out

When Aiko said this, Punpun realized that he probably **WAS** retarded.

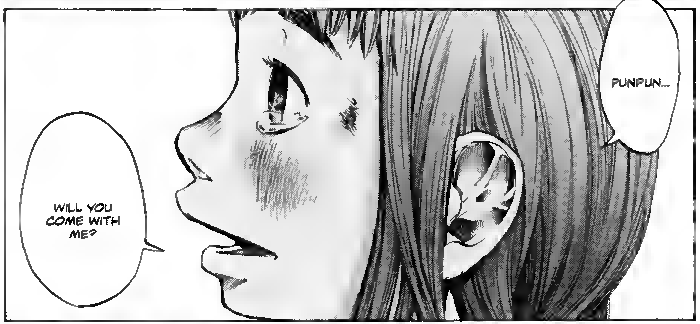


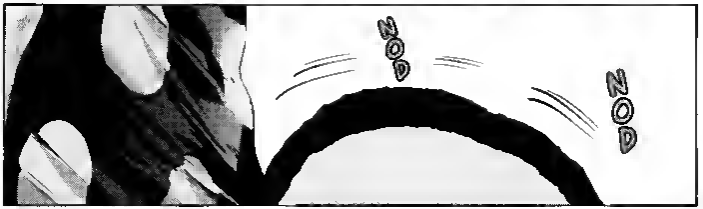
コスモさん 更衣センターは
ただいま 約束せよ!!

Banners on previous page: "Cosmo Health Center, out of our neighborhood!"

Punpun asked Aiko.

"Where is the island of Kagoshima, anyway?"

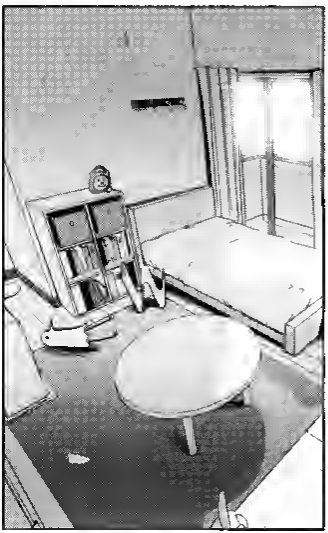


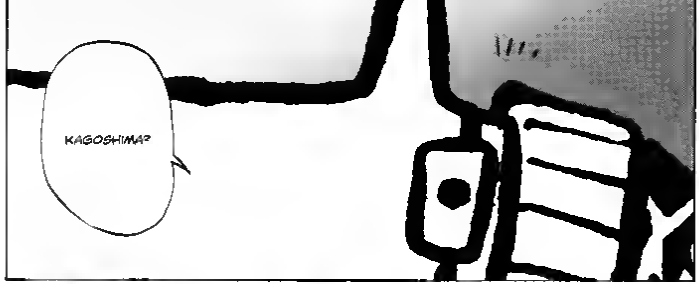


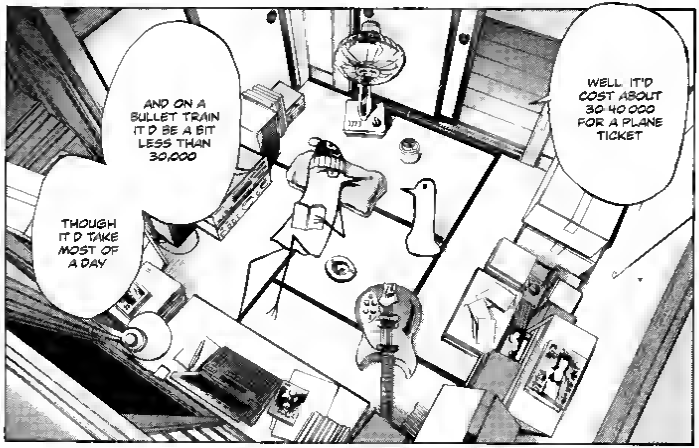
so he clung to her with all of his strength.

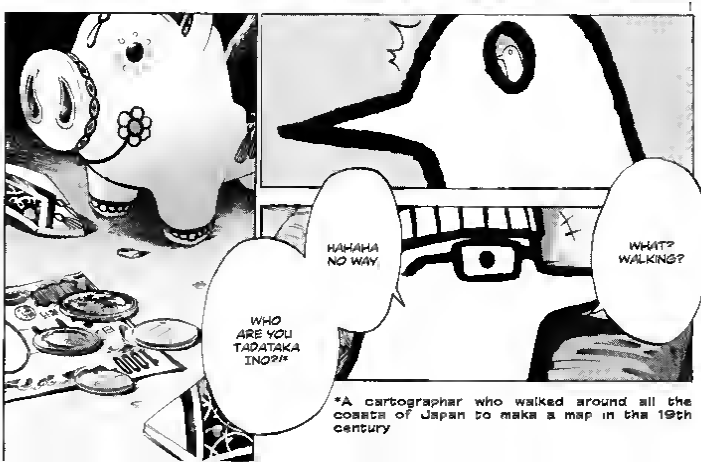
Punpun felt like Aiko would go far, far away if he let go,

Punpun made a promise to go to Kagoshima with her, after the end of the first semester.

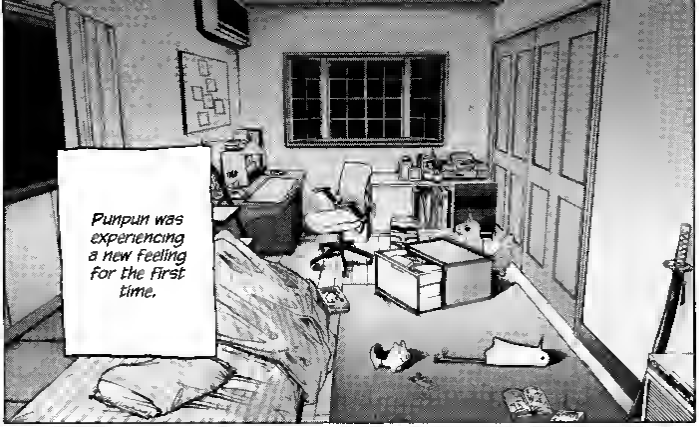





WELL IT'D COST ABOUT 30 40 000 FOR A PLANE TICKET
AND ON A BULLET TRAIN IT D BE A BIT LESS THAN 30,000
THOUGH IT D TAKE MOST OF A DAY

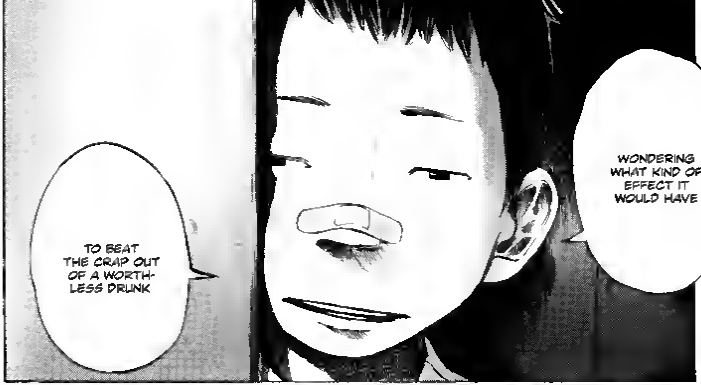


*A cartographer who walked around all the coasts of Japan to make a map in the 19th century

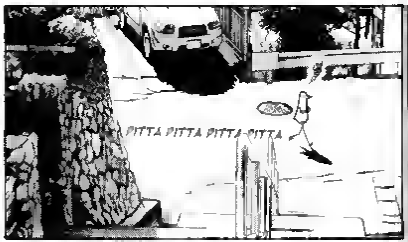


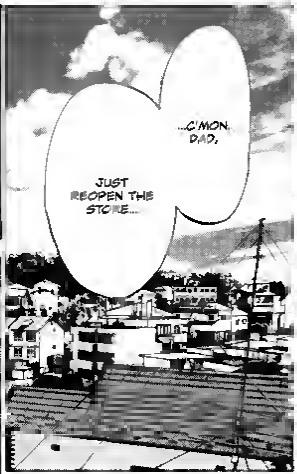
Desperation.

SHUT UP I DON'T NEED TO WORK FOR THAT KINDA CHUMP CHANGE I GOT SAVINGS
...DAD, WASN'T YOUR NEW JOB SUPPOSED TO START TODAY?
...AND WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING WITH THAT?
QUIT PUTTING UP A FRONT
YOU RAN OUT ON IT AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU MAKE MOM DO ALL THE WORK AND YOU'RE PROUD OF THAT, HUH.?


WONDERING WHAT KIND OF EFFECT IT WOULD HAVE
TO BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF A WORTHLESS DRUNK

...WON'T DO NOTHIN'.
ONLY THING IT'LL DO IS RUIN YOUR LIFE


PITTA PITTA PITTA-PITTA


...C'MON, DAD,
JUST REOPEN THE STORE...

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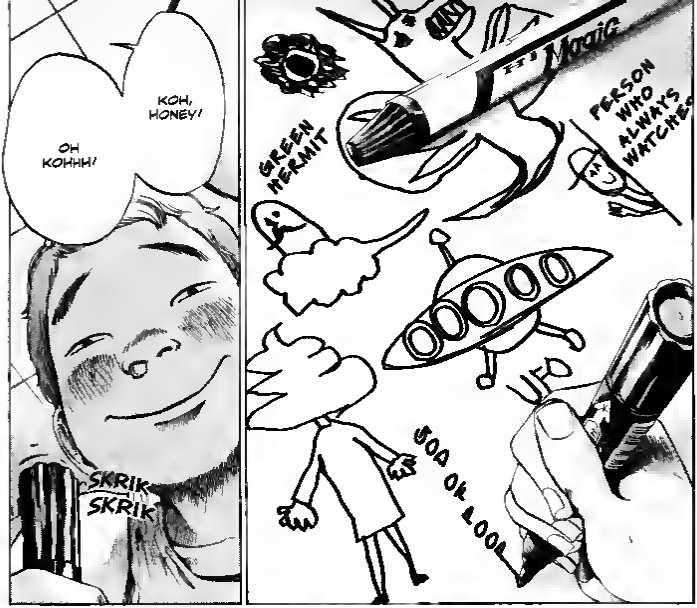
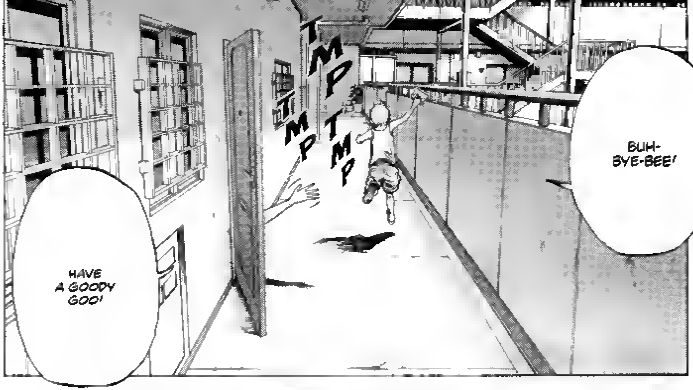
SHIMIZU


KOH, HONEY!
OH KOHHH!
SKRIK SKRIK
GREEN HERMIT
PERSON WHO ALWAYS WATCHES
UFO
SOA OK LOOL

STOP DRAWING THOSE DISGUSTING PICTURES AND GO RUN AN ERRAND!
OH! WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING AT ME?!
GEE HEE HEE!
MAMA'S NEVER BEEN SO HUMILIATED!!


TMP
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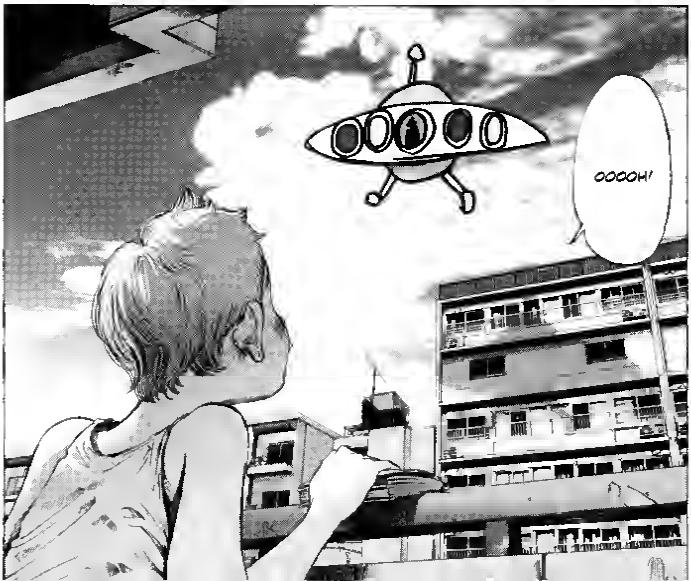
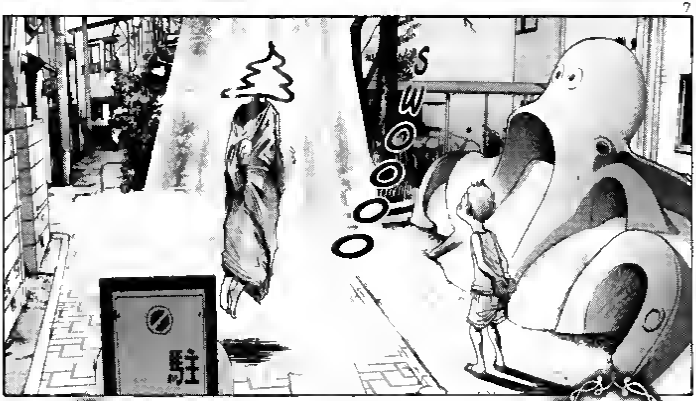
BUH-BYE-BEE!
HAVE A GOODY GOD!

STOMP


OOOOH!

SWOOOO
WOW, SWEET!!


SWOOOO
駐

How have you been?
Good day, Shun

THAT KAME-HAMEHA YOU TAUGHT ME.. DIDN'T WORK
What's the matter?
Shuni, were you listening to what I said?
When did I ever mention a Kamehameha?
Now close your eyes
I have just given you wisdom and strength

Are they for hurting people?
Are they for destroying things?
If you use them in the right way,
you can do ANY-THING.

SHIMIZU
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

GUESS WHAT?
THE GOD OF POOP JUST SAID I CAN DO ANYTHING!
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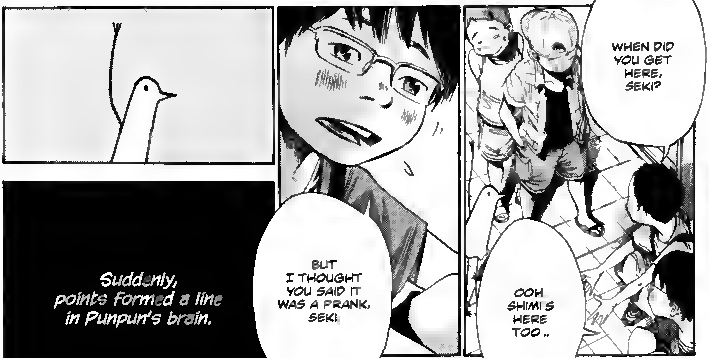
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA KEEP SAYING DUMB SHIT LIKE THAT?
YOU NEED TO GROW UP SOON OR...
I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE KINDERGARTEN NOW
..HEY, WILL YOU LEND ME SOME MONEY?
I'M IN KIND OF A PINCH RIGHT NOW

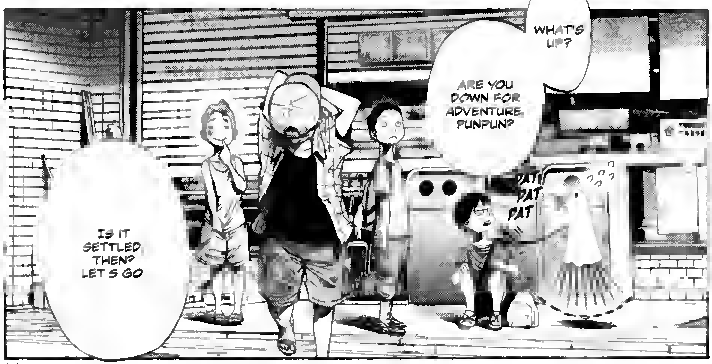
DON'T LISTEN TO ME, YOU IDIOT!
UMM, OKAY
駐車
...OH!
PUNPUN...
HARUMIIIIN... PUNPUN'S KINDA LATE...
ELEVEN
WHATEVER! Y'KNOW KOMATSU, I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT SOMETHING!
WHAT?

THAT VIDEO WE WATCHED WITH THE PFS AT PUNPUN'S HOUSE!
OH, YOU MEAN THAT FAT OLD LADY?
NO, NOT HER!!
THE FACTORY THAT WEIRD GUY MENTIONED!
OH YEAH... AND THE MONEY TO MATCH OUR COURAGE...
SO, KOMATSU
WHAT IF THERE'S A MILLION YEN? WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT?



Suddenly, points formed a line in Punpun's brain.

MISO FAC-TORY
MONEY
KAGO-SHIMA
I NEED TO PEE
HOME WORK
CHOCO PIES


WHAT'S UP?
ARE YOU DOWN FOR ADVENTURE, PUNPUN?
PAT! PAT! PAT
IS IT SETTLED THEN? LET'S GO

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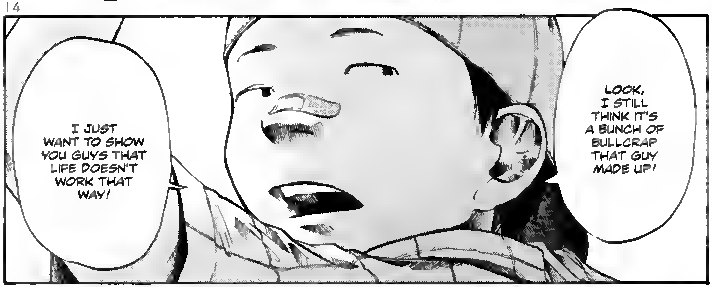
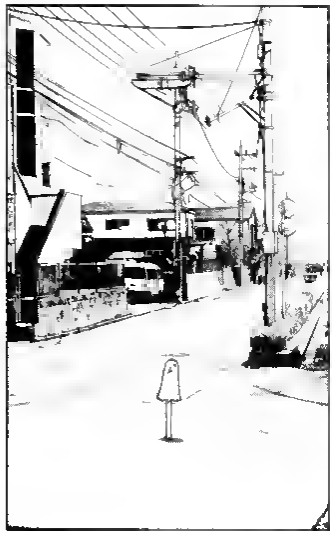
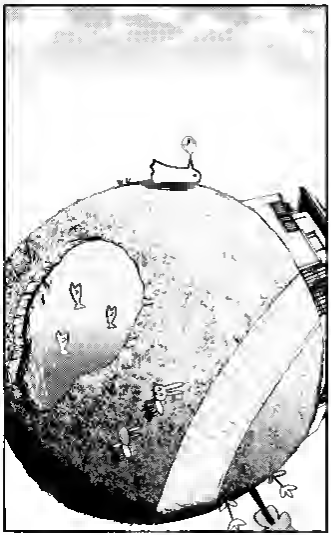

LOOK, I STILL THINK IT'S A BUNCH OF BULLCRAP THAT GUY MADE UP!
I JUST WANT TO SHOW YOU GUYS THAT LIFE DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY!

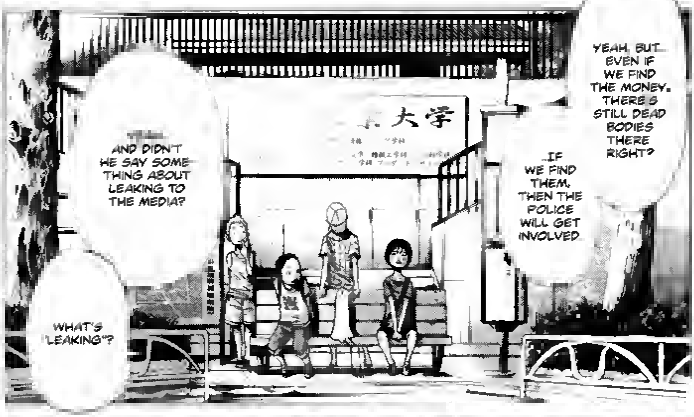




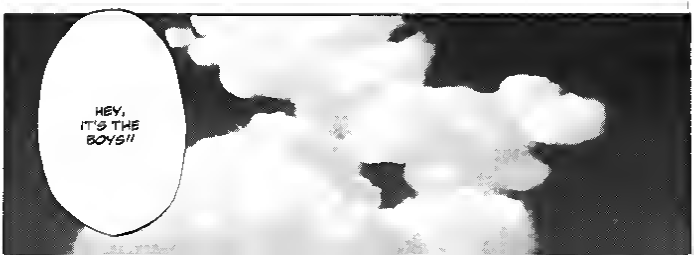
CHAPTER 12

Pumpun had entrusted all of his hopes to the miso factory.

As long as he could find the money in the miso factory...

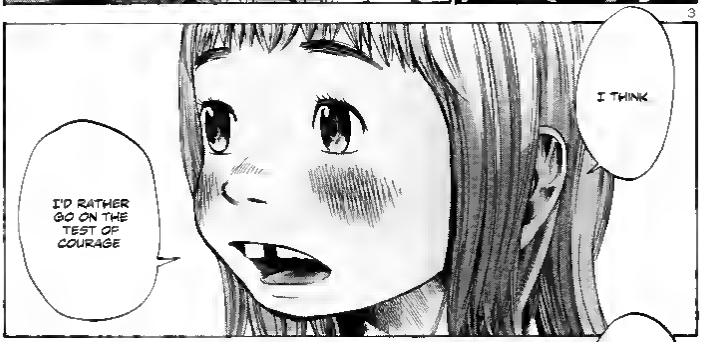

YEAH, BUT EVEN IF WE FIND THE MONEY, THERE'D STILL DEAD BODIES THERE RIGHT?
...IF WE FIND THEM, THEN THE POLICE WILL GET INVOLVED
AND DIDN'T HE SAY SOMETHING ABOUT LEAKING TO THE MEDIA?
WHAT'S "LEAKING"?

"Then Aiko won't kill me!!"



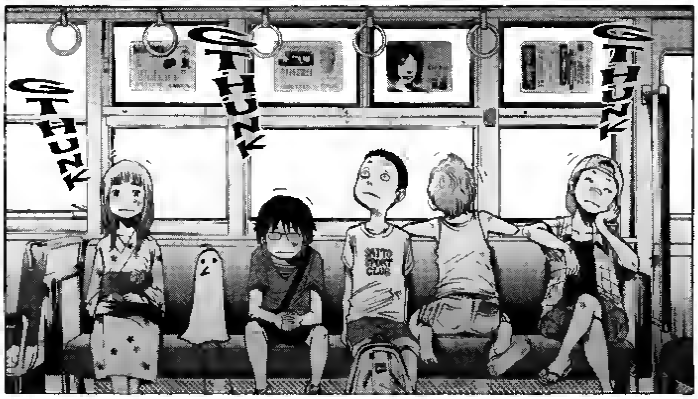
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
"It's Aiko!!"
WHAT? WHO CARES WHAT WE'RE DOING?!
YOU GIRLS SHOULD SHUT UP AND MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING YOU SHOULDN'T BE DOING?
N-NO, IT DOESN'T!
IT'S JUST... A TEST OF COURAGE! WE'RE GONNA GO LOOK FOR GHOSTS!

OOH LA-LA
YOU GUYS ARE SO CHILDISH.
WE'RE GOING TO THE TANABATA FESTIVAL!
YEAHHHH
OOH. WELL AREN'T YOU SPECIAL!


I THINK
I'D RATHER GO ON THE TEST OF COURAGE

WHAT?! HOW COME, AIKO?
WE SAID WE'D BUY SOME SHIMUTAKU PAPER FANS!

I CAN COME ALONG RIGHT PUNPUN?
NOPE SORRY NO GIRLS!
IT'S GONNA BE A REALLY HARDCORE GHOST HUNT...
I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ
BZZZZ



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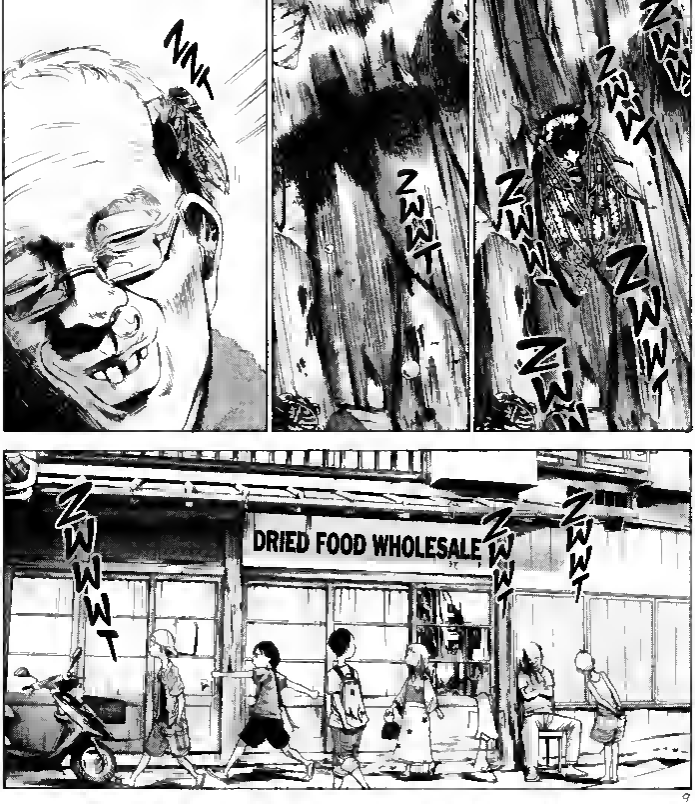
WE HAVE TO WALK FROM HERE
ZWWWT
ZWWWT
ZWWWT
BOORUM
BORUM
BUM
BUM
IT'S PRETTY QUICK IF WE USE THE SHORTCUT THOUGH
SHAKU
SHAKU
SEKI, I WAS WONDERING...
HMM?
HOW COME YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT THIS MISO FACTORY IF IT'S SO FAR AWAY?

I USED TO PLAY AROUND HERE BY MYSELF A LOT.
TANAKA MIGHT NOT KNOW, SINCE SHE JUST MOVED HERE...
YOU GUYS KNOW HOW MY FAMILY HAS THE LUNCH SHOP?
THE OWNER OF THE MISO FACTORY WAS FRIENDS WITH MY DAD, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
I'D GET TAKEN ALONG BY MY DAD TO PICK UP SUPPLIES ON THE WEEKEND
WELL, ONCE THE FACTORY WENT UNDER, IT TOOK OUT OUR SHOP TOO, BASICALLY.

I DON'T REALLY CARE IF THERE'S MONEY AT THE FACTORY OR NOT
I JUST WANT TO SEE IF IT'S TRUE
I HATE PEOPLE WHO LIE.

WAS THAT A BAD QUESTION TO ASK?
SHHHH...
TWINK
TWINK
TWINK


ZWWT
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DRIED FOOD WHOLESALE
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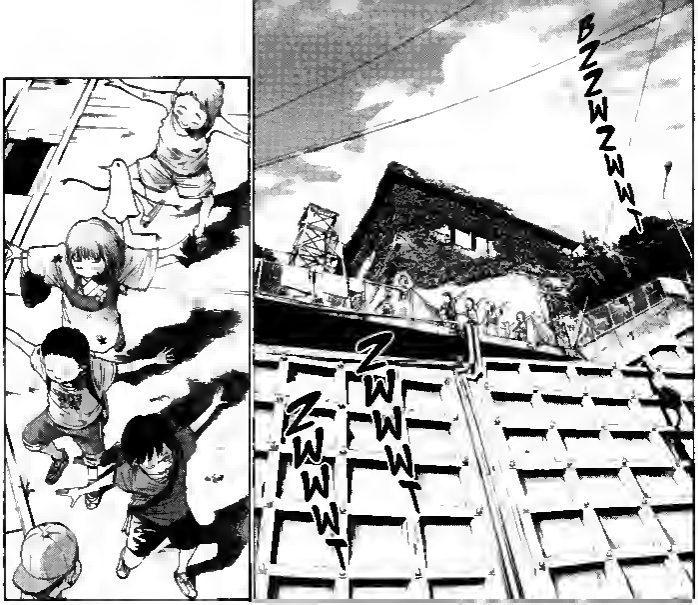
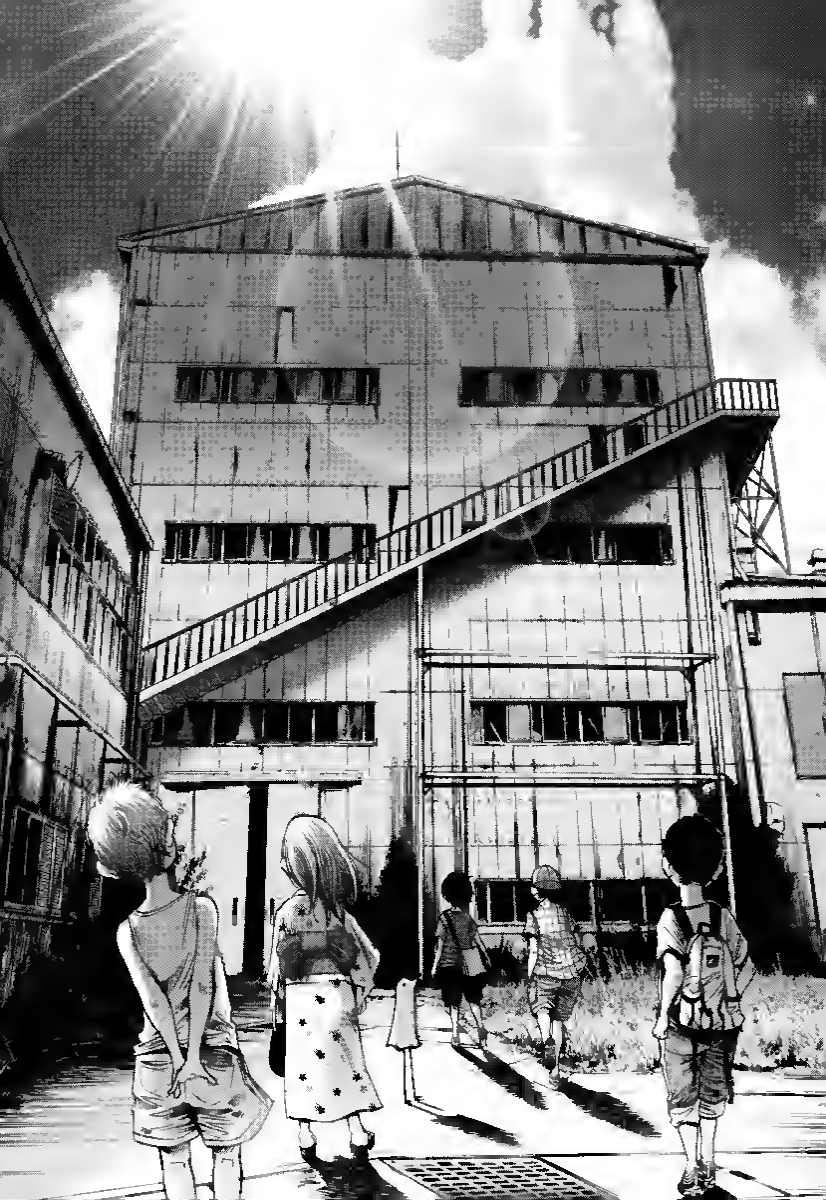

BZZWZWWT
ZWWWT
ZWWWT

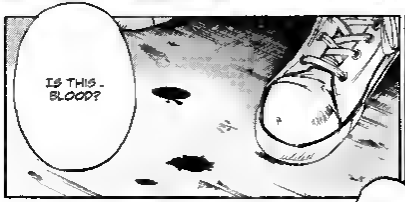
NO TRES PASS- ING
BOOM!
GOTTA CLIMB THIS

DO IT!
DO IT! DO IT!
DO IT! DO IT!
DO IT!
TUP
TOUCH-
DOWWWWN!!



WHOAA IT'S HUGE...
AND SO QUIET...
THIS MIGHT BE SCARIER THAN I THOUGHT...

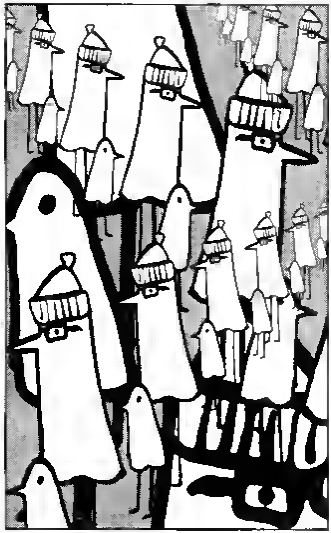
HMM...


IS THIS - BLOOD?

WHOA YOU GUYS OMERE!

SHH..
I HEAR SOME THING...
Suddenly, Punpun noticed a very dreadful fact.

"I really need to pee!!"
SOME-ONE'S...
TOKKOTOKKO
COMING...
TOKKOTOKKO
SAITO SPORTCLUB



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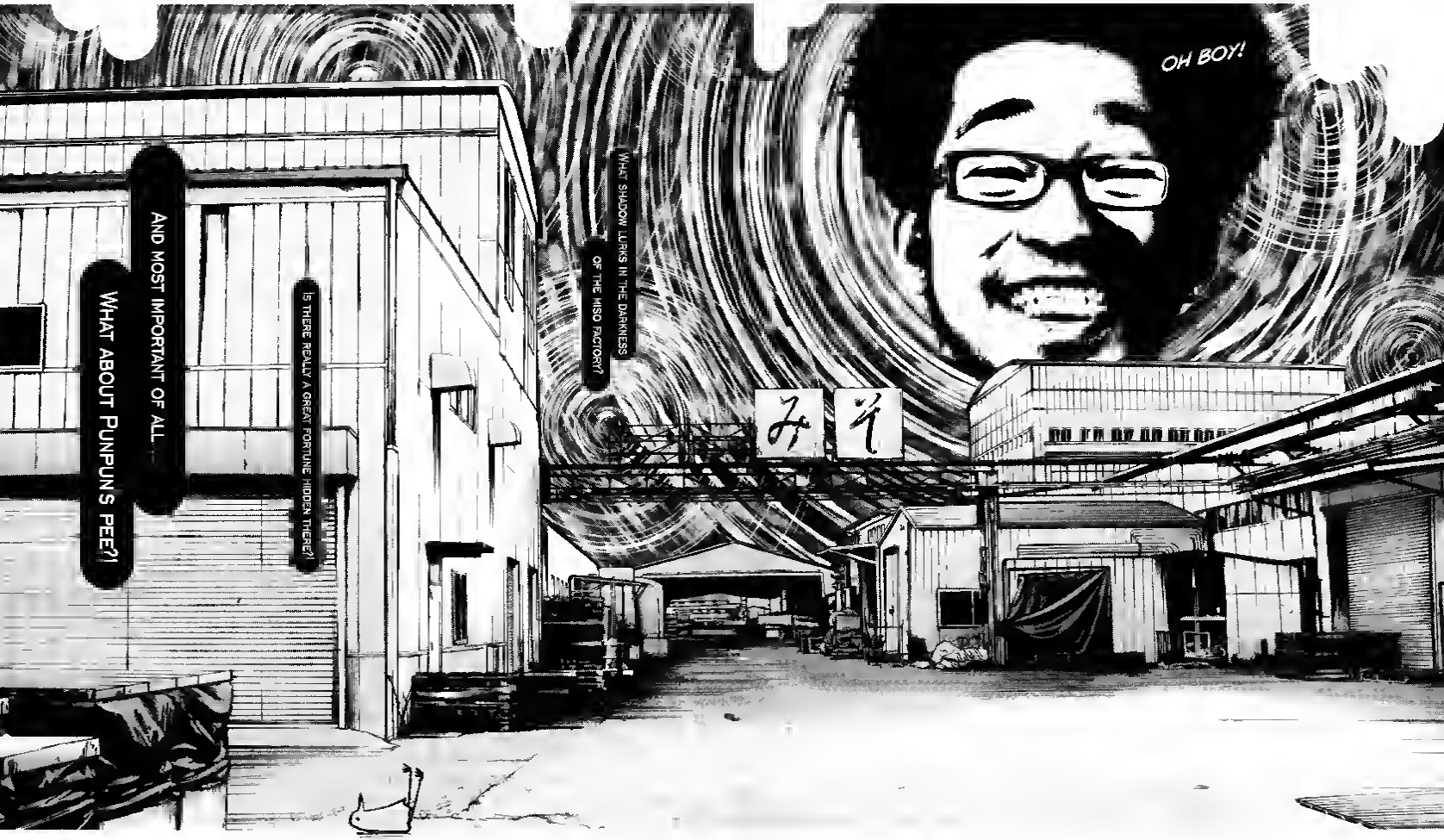
OH BOY!
みそ
WHAT SHADOW LURKS IN THE DARKNESS OF THE MISO FACTORY?
IS THERE REALLY A GREAT FORTUNE HIDDEN THERE?
AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL...
WHAT ABOUT PUNPUN'S PEE?!

COMING SOON FROM ENTROPY AND MANGASCREENER

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